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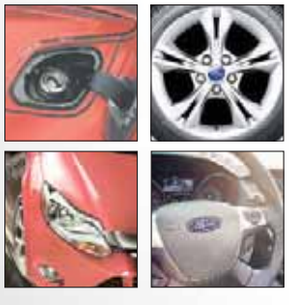

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Yet another bump in the road for Dufferin Street — it has nabbed the dishonour of being the worst road in Ontario, according to the Canadian Automobile Association's annual worst-road survey. We take a look at the most-loathed strip. RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pastor charged in pregnant wife's death

Anna Karissa Grandine, 30, died of drowning last year. This week, her husband — a pastor at a Toronto church — was charged with first-degree murder in her death PAGE 3

Police forget student in cell for four days after 4-20 bust

By about the third day without access to food, water or a toilet, a California student picked up in a drug sweep began to hallucinate PAGE 14

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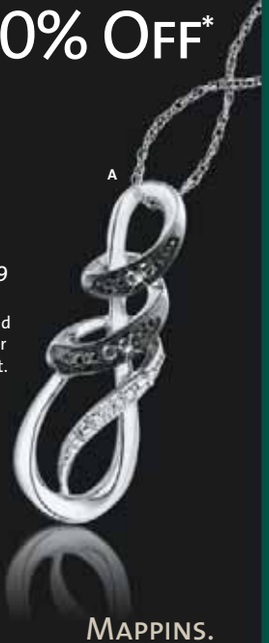

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Anna Karissa Grandine, 30, died of drowning in 2011. On Tuesday, her husband, Philip Grandine, 25, of Toronto, was arrested. CONTRIBUTED

Pastor charged in wife's murder

Drowning death. The 30-year-old woman was five months pregnant with the couple's first child

A 25-year-old Toronto pastor well known in Baptist church community has been charged with murder in the drowning death of his pregnant wife.

Philip Grandine, a pastor at Ennerdale Road Baptist Church, was arrested and charged Tuesday with first-degree murder. He appeared in court Wednesday.

His wife, Anna Karissa Grandine, 30, died last Oct. 17, a week after their third anniversary. Her obituary described her as the "loving wife and best friend of Philip Grandine."

It was late on Oct. 17 when something went terribly wrong inside a home on Marsh Road, in the Danforth and Birchmount roads area, police said.

A man phoned 911 at 10:50 p.m., saying his wife was in distress. She had been in the bathtub.

Philip Grandine FLICKR

Police said the woman was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital, and the fatality was listed as a drowning.

Police are tight-lipped about the case, but say the charges did not stem from any recent results of an autopsy, which had been performed in October.

Det. Sgt. David Ecklund of the homicide squad said police have been investigating this case since the death.

"For the last 6 months we've really looked into this case thoroughly," Ecklund said.

"There was no single breakthrough. This was a culmination of all the evidence we have gathered. There is so much involved in this case. Every little piece of the puzzle is important to our prosecution. What we're alleging is such tragic circumstances."

The Grandines were, from most accounts, a spiritual couple and had prayed together. Previously, Philip Grandine had served, along with his wife, as assistant pastor of Park Lawn Baptist Church from 2008-10.

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Homicide

Ecklund said the suspect is well known in the church community and police are appealing for those who have more information to contact the homicide squad at 416-808-7400.

- The cause of death hasn't changed and it is still ruled a drowning.
- It is now listed as Toronto's 50th homicide of 2011.

Charity

Vaughan Health Care Foundation votes to dissolve

The Vaughan Health Care Foundation, a charity that for eight years has been raising funds to build the city's first hospital, has decided to shut down. Its board of directors, recognizing a series of moves by the province that shifted responsibility for the hospital elsewhere, voted unanimously Tuesday night to dissolve, citing that the new foundation will make it redundant.

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Danforth Collegiate

Classes back on at school after three-alarm fire

Daytime classes at Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute will resume Monday, following a devastating three-alarm fire last week at the east-end high school.

The school's 135 staff members and roughly 1,200 students have been shut out of the building since April 25 after a mid-morning blaze ignited a main-floor drama classroom. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Health Canada

Covering cheaper eye drug could save millions

Ontario could save more than $100 million annually if it covered a cheaper drug for macular degeneration, even though Health Canada hasn't licensed it for that use, a study says. After the British Medical Journal study was published online Wednesday, Health Minister Deb Matthews said she is open to including Avastin, a cancer drug, on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary.

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Legislation. Child's death sparks change to legal guardian procedures

In the wake of Katelynn Sampson's horrific death in August 2008, Ontario passed legislation to ensure guardians in child custody cases provide police record checks, clearance from Children's Aid, and show they are able to care for the child.

Local Children's Aid Societies have strengthened procedures.

But Ontario Child Advocate Irwin Elman says an inquest is still needed to understand exactly what went wrong and what more can be done to prevent such tragedies.

"Where did we as a province fail Katelynn and this family?" Elman said Wednesday.

The Coroner's office has not yet made a decision on an inquest.

Katelynn died after prolonged abuse while in the care of her unemployed, crack-addicted legal guardians.

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Homemade wine over groupies for Train

Backstage with the rock band Train before a performance may not be quite what you expect from a Grammy-winning, multi-platinum group. Instead of groupies, you'll find wine glasses and bottles of their latest hit, Train-made wine. Get the full story at metronews.ca

Mobile news

We've long been hearing that Canadians are huge fans of watching online video, more so than web surfers in any other country. According to a recent survey, almost a quarter of Canadians say they now spend more time watching online video than traditional TV. Scan the code for the story.

Charities face new garbage fees

An employee for an after-school children's program, or garbage collection?

More than 1,000 Toronto charities and non-profits are now scrambling to make choices necessary to balance the books after learning of a city-council decision to charge for garbage pickup.

Beginning July 1, charities and non-profit groups will pay for waste collection — a motion passed by city council late last year that many organizations say they've only recently been informed of.

"The rollout of this has been just awful. Organizations are now just waking up to the fact that they are facing really significant costs," said John Campey, executive director of Social Planning Toronto.

Hardest hit, Campey said, are organizations that accept food or clothing, since they receive loads of poor-quality donations that wind up in the garbage. For those groups, costs will be between $10,000 and $20,000 once they are phased in by 2015, he said.

Adding to the sting was the fact that some charities were slapped with the news around the same time council announced the city ended 2011 with a $292-million surplus.

The surplus for the city's solid-waste-management system alone was $37.2 million.

"To spend all this time fear-mongering and threatening to cut programs, then coming out with this huge surplus, it's just not right," said Elizabeth Forestell, executive director of Central Neighbourhood House, a charity that runs programs for poor youth, family and seniors.

The fee will tack $6,000 to $10,000 on to Forestell's expenses. It's not a fatal blow, she said, but it's the equivalent of half of a part-time staffer, many of whom run the charity's after-school programs.

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An Occupy Toronto protester shouts a slogan in front of a police line outside the Metro Convention Centre in Toronto, where Barrick Gold's AGM was taking place on Wednesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Occupy Toronto targets Barrick Gold meeting

Protest. Three charged for contravening city bylaws after attempting to pitch tent in Simcoe Park

It wasn't quite St. James Park, but some Occupy Toronto protesters tried to keep May Day momentum going on Wednesday morning, with Barrick Gold Corp. as their target.

About 30 of the most ardent protesters gathered in Simcoe Park near Front and John streets early Wednesday after spending the night there.

The location was chosen because Barrick's annual general meeting was held across the street at the Metro Convention Centre starting at 10 a.m.

After a slow morning, their numbers had swelled to about 100 by 11 a.m., a far cry from the 1,000 people who marched downtown for May Day on Tuesday.

A heavy police presence monitored the outside of the building. Additional police and private security officials were also inside the MTCC.

Organizer Sakura Saunders, whose group Protest Barrick has shown up to the company's annual general meeting six years running, said two protesters made it inside the meeting where they were planning to read statements from people they say are affected by mines in Papua New Guinea and elsewhere.

"We're hoping they get a chance to speak," she said, adding that they will likely address the protesters too. "Either way, these impacted voices will be heard."

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Ford. Mayor chases and confronts reporter

Rob Ford chased and confronted a Toronto Star reporter who was on public property near his home while working on a story about the mayor's bid to buy adjacent parkland.

"Daniel Dale was on public property; he was never on Ford's property," said Toronto Star spokesman Bob Hepburn. "He was following up on a story when Ford came out of his house, off his property, and cornered Daniel, yelling at him. The mayor had his fist cocked, yelling at him to drop his cellphone and tape recorder, which Daniel did."

Ford spoke to reporters outside his Etobicoke home around 10 p.m. and admitted to chasing Dale, but accused him of snapping photos outside while standing on blocks.

"You know, it's over the top. You may not agree with my politics, don't start taking pictures of my family," Ford said. "My wife's home, my kids are home."

Dale said he was taking photos of the fence and trees with his cellphone. There were no people in the area, he said.

Toronto police said they were investigating a call to the mayor's home for a possible trespasser. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Dance around debris along Dufferin Street

Councillor says. Dufferin St. neglected due to lack of funding and backlog of projects

Dufferin Street is just the worst.

The car-and-bone rattler clinched the top spot on the CAA's list of civic shame for the first time this year.

Dufferin has danced with infamy before; this is the sixth time it has cracked Ontario's top 10 on the Canadian Automobile Association's annual worst-road survey. The potholes really do flourish on Dufferin, so much so that cars and cyclists can't avoid them.

On a bicycle ride from the CNE to Bloor, the commute is similar to riding atop a jackhammer, especially around Dundas. There's also a fair bit of debris to swerve around — pieces of wood, metal objects (muffler pieces?) and general garbage. But it's not like Dufferin is a dream for cars, either. The middle of the road has its fair share of crags and cracks.

Some stretches are smooth but the road mainly looks like a mountain range might from outer space.

Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, chair of Toronto's public works and infrastructure committee, said Dufferin has lingered on the city's to-fix list because of a lack of funds, and other priorities, including fixing the Dufferin jog. He said the city has set aside $140 million this year for road resurfacing and reconstruction. But there is a $300 million backlog of projects.

Dufferin will be reconstructed from Springhurst Ave. to Queen St. this year. Next year, a stretch closer to Dundas will get the same treatment.

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Vote's in

80%

In the four-week campaign, the CAA registered nearly 10,000 votes from across the province. Of those who voted for Dufferin, 80 per cent complained about potholes and crumbling pavement.

Dufferin offers the extreme cyclist a bit of an obstacle course. KATIE DAUBS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A cross-border balancing act across Niagara Falls

Nik Wallenda points to Niagara Falls after a news conference in Niagara Falls, N.Y., on Wednesday. Wallenda will try to cross the Niagara Gorge on a tightrope June 15. The seventh-generation member of the Flying Wallendas spent months getting the necessary permissions from Canada and the United States for the cross-border stunt. DAVID DUPREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Property. Mayor requests slice of park for security

Citing concerns about late-night trespassers, Mayor Rob Ford and his wife, Renata, have asked the regional conservation authority to sell them a slice of the park they live beside so they can build a fence around their house.

"Our primary concern is the safety of Douglas and Stephanie, our two young children, having a secure area to play ...." the Fords wrote in a joint letter to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's executive committee.

The request is unusual. Anyone can ask the TRCA to sell land, but only one or two residents per year do so, says director of finance and business services James Dillane.

The property, located in the Humber River valley but not in its flood plain, is about 2,800 square feet. While the Fords referred to it as "a vacant parcel of land" in the letter, Dillane said it is actually a sliver of parkland that includes mature trees and is managed by the city's parks department. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hwy 407. Family of ducks waddle through traffic

A mother and at least eight ducklings took a perilous trip across Highway 407 Wednesday morning, crossing four lanes as traffic whizzed by.

Their adventure was caught on video by a CTV Toronto cameraman, shooting from a helicopter, as the ducks wibble-wobbled their perilous way across the highway near Dixie Rd. Turbulent air from passing cars sent some of the ducklings flying in various directions, but all apparently made it across safely. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A screen grab from a CTV video of ducks crossing the 407 Wednesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Hiring of ousted CEO's girlfriend under scrutiny

Former Ornge associate vice-president Kelly Long, girlfriend of Ornge founder Chris Mazza at hearings on Tuesday.
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Ornge. Committee explores former exec's career at troubled air ambulance service

The girlfriend of ousted Ornge CEO Chris Mazza has defended her quick climb up the corporate ladder at Ontario's troubled air ambulance service, which saw her rise from communications officer to junior executive in five years.

Kelly Long, who met Mazza at a sports club where she worked as a water-ski instructor, dismissed "insinuations" that her career boost at Ornge had anything to do with her relationship with its CEO.

"I feel that I deserved the promotions that I received," she said Wednesday before a legislative committee investigating Ornge.

"I know that people are insinuating — or the media is insinuating — that I rose quickly because of my relationship or my friendship with Dr. Mazza. I think that's unfair."

Long said she has a university degree in sociology and taught English as a second language before switching gears to public affairs. .

That career began with a push from Mazza, who convinced a consultant who worked for Ornge to hire her, the committee heard.

Kelly Mitchell, a prominent Conservative and founder of Pathway Group, acknowledged that Mazza asked him to consider Long for a job at his firm.

But Mitchell said he didn't feel pressured into it, even though Ornge was one of Pathway's biggest clients, paying the firm about $400,000 over seven years.

Nor did Mazza pressure him to give Long more responsibilities at Pathway after he hired her in January 2006. Long earned $58,000 a year at her administrative job at Pathway, which Mazza paid through Ornge, the committee heard.

Long was later seconded to Ornge in September 2006 and became a permanent staff member in December. She started out as a communications officer and was promoted to director of her department within three years.

Last year, Long moved to Ornge Global — one of the organization's for-profit subsidiaries — to become associate vice-president of sales and marketing, earning $120,000 a year.

She was terminated in late December, along with Mazza, who was making $1.4 million a year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Health minister did not see red flags

The committee has heard from three health ministers who all say they had no idea there were any problems at Ornge until a few months ago.

- David Caplan, who served as health minister from June 2008 until October 2009, told the committee Wednesday that Ornge was a "rogue agency" whose management and board of directors "quietly" turned the not-for-profit organization into a for-profit corporation that would serve their interests and "obscure the lines of accountability and the flow of money."
- "I'm not pleased at all with what went on at Ornge," Caplan said. "However, I can state categorically that during my time as minister, I did not see these kinds of red flags."

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Viral video. Cabbie gets bail after court hears of bid to run down man

A judge has granted bail to a Montreal cabbie charged in an alleged hit-and-run that is making the rounds in a gruesome video on the Internet.

Judge Jean-Pierre Boyer called Guercy Edmond's four-day detention scandalous and unnecessary.

But Edmond, 47, is forbidden from working in certain areas and from having contact with three people involved in last weekend's altercation.

Scores of fellow taxi drivers crowded around the courthouse, honking their horns in support of Edmond.

Inside, they pushed and jostled to be able to hear the case.

An overflow room had to be opened for the large group.

The court heard that witnesses told police an altercation over a fare around 4 a.m. turned hostile and the accused tried running over the victim, Benoit Kapelli.

The scene was videotaped and posted online.

But police say Edmond tried mowing down the victim even before the cameras started rolling.

According to testimony, the issue of race came up during the dispute. There was allegedly a verbal exchange during the ride about rituals like voodoo and female genital mutilation.

Edmond is Haitian. The three passengers were white.

During the argument, Edmond claims he was struck by Kapelli inside the cab.

Later, before eyewitnesses began filming, Edmond is alleged to have tossed a bottle at the passengers.

Edmond is charged with aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, hit-and-run and dangerous driving.

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The easyrider. Harley floats across Pacific after tsunami

Call it the Harley of the high seas.

A rust-encrusted Harley-Davidson motorcycle, made buoyant by the container in which it was stored, has washed up on an island off B.C. after it was lost in last year's tsunami in Japan.

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Coming home

Mulcair alleges Conrad Black got special treatment from Tories

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair sparred Wednesday over Conrad Black.

Mulcair accused the Tory government of giving special treatment to Black by agreeing to let him return to Canada after he is released from a U.S. prison this week.

But Harper said the government would be just as happy if the disgraced media baron had been denied entry to Canada.

Harper said the decision to admit Black was taken by public servants, not politicians.

"There has been no involvement of anyone on the political side of government in this," Harper said in question period in the Commons.

Mulcair, however, asked: "Conrad Black is a British citizen, he is still in a U.S. jail, he was convicted of serious crimes in the United States. Why is he being given special treatment?

Black has been granted a one-year temporary residence permit.

He spent several years in a Florida prison after fraud and obstruction of justice convictions and is expected to be released by Friday.

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Convicted murderer Ronald Smith becomes emotional Wednesday. MICHAEL GALLACHER/THE MISSOULIAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Loving sis has killer in tears

Her words of love. 'I honestly do not know what I'd do without my brother by my side,' she says of death row Canadian

The only Canadian on death row in the United States broke down and cried at his clemency hearing in Montana on Wednesday.

Ronald Smith, who shot and killed two young men in 1982, lost control when his sister Rita Duncan read a letter he'd written to their mother after her death last year. Smith covered his eyes, brushed away tears and was patted on the shoulder by his lawyer.

Duncan said although she shut Smith out of her life for years, she is proud to be his sister.

"I honestly do not know what I would do without my brother by my side," said Duncan, her voice quavering.

"I can't bear the thought of losing another brother and I'm sorry if this sounds selfish." She asked people in the packed courtroom to put themselves in her place.

A daughter's sadness

"He shows his remorse in his eyes and in his voice."

Carmen Blackburn, Smith's daughter.

Originally from Red Deer, Alta., Smith, 54, has been on death row since shooting Thomas Running Rabbit and Harvey Mad Man Jr. near East Glacier, Mont., 30 years ago.

Smith is asking the Board of Pardons and Parole to recommend his death sentence be commuted.

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Hudson murder trial

Judge banishes journalists' phones from courtroom

The judge at the trial of a man accused of killing three of Jennifer Hudson's relatives has decided to bar journalists' cellphones from court.

He has been allowing their limited use during the first two weeks of trial so reporters could email news updates.

But a media liaison says Judge Charles Burns decided Wednesday he'd seen too many violations of media rules he set before trial. They include bans on tweets, though liaison Irv Miller says none of the violations involved Twitter. Several were phones ringing during testimony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jennifer Hudson
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Press freedom

Group criticizes censorship in Eritrea, North Korea, Syria

The Horn of Africa nation Eritrea leads the world in imposing censorship on the media, followed closely by North Korea, Syria and Iran, a journalism group said Wednesday.

The Committee to Protect Journalists said in a report that 10 countries stand out as censors by barring international media, putting "dictatorial controls" on domestic media and imposing other restrictions.

Rounding out the 10 worst censors are Equatorial Guinea, Uzbekistan, Burma which also is known as Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Cuba and Belarus.

The report by the committee, a non-profit organization based in New York, was released to mark World Press Freedom Day on Thursday

"In the name of stability or development, these regimes suppress independent reporting, amplify propaganda and use technology to control rather than empower their own citizens," CPJ Executive Director Joel Simon said in a statement accompanying the report. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Suu Kyi sworn in to parliament

Official voice. Myanmar starts a new era as the country's symbol of democracy takes office for the first time

Aung San Suu Kyi was sworn in as a lawmaker Wednesday, capping a tenacious, decades-long journey from political prisoner to parliamentarian that will enable Myanmar's main opposition party to take its struggle for democratic rule inside the country's army-backed government for the first time.

The swearing-in ceremony in the capital, Naypyitaw, cements a fragile detente between Suu Kyi's movement and the administration of President Thein Sein, which has engineered a series of sweeping reforms since taking power from a military junta last year.

But some analysts see her entry into the legislative branch as a gamble that will achieve little beyond legitimizing a regime that needs her support to end years of isolation from the West and get lingering sanctions lifted. Mobbed by reporters after Wednesday's ceremony, Suu Kyi said she would not give up the struggle she has led since 1988.

"We would like our parliament to be in line with genuine democratic values. It's not because we want to remove anybody," she said in apparent reference to the military, whose unelected appointees control 25 per cent of the assembly.

"We just want to make the kind of improvements that will make our national assembly a truly democratic one."

That will not be easy. Suu Kyi, 66, will have almost no power in the ruling-party dominated parliament since her party will occupy only the few dozen seats it won in an April 1 byelection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No propellers, hot air or wings of wax for this Jetman

Yves Rossy, known as the Jetman, flies over Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday. The Swiss aviator dropped from a helicopter and deployed the jet-powered carbon-kevlar Jetwing, which he uses his body to steer, as he flew over the Brazilian capital before landing on Copacabana Beach.

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Conservation. Protection sought for woodpecker

A woodpecker that's survived for millions of years by eating beetle larvae in burned trees is in danger of going extinct in parts of the West, according to conservationists seeking U.S. protection for the bird.

Four conservation groups filed a petition with the U.S. Interior Department on Wednesday to list the black-backed woodpecker under the Endangered Species Act in Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming and South Dakota. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Zoo. Harmonica-playing elephant enjoys own tunes

An elephant named Shanthi at the U.S. national zoo plays a harmonica with her trunk and appears to love doing it.

Video released Wednesday by the zoo in Washington shows the 36-year-old Asian elephant with a harmonica attached to her stall playing tunes even when no humans are in view. Elephant keeper Debbie Flinkman said Shanthi is "musically inclined," playing her own songs that always have big crescendos at the end. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Brutal hazing

Drum major pummelled to death

Thirteen people were charged Wednesday in one of the biggest college hazing cases ever prosecuted in the U.S.

They were accused in the death of a Florida A&M University drum major who authorities say was mercilessly pummelled by fellow members of the marching band.

The charges came more than five months after Robert Champion, 26, died aboard a chartered bus parked outside an Orlando hotel following a performance against a rival school.

The most sensational cases of hazing have typically involved fraternities, sororities or athletic teams, but tragedy in November exposed a brutal tradition among marching bands at colleges.

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French election debate

Sarkozy lags behind, accuses rival Hollande of 'lying'

French President Nicolas Sarkozy repeatedly accused his socialist challenger Francois Hollande of lying as they faced off in a much anticipated debate Wednesday ahead of the presidential election.

The heated comments reflected the intensity of the contest, especially for Sarkozy, who is lagging in the polls ahead of Sunday's vote. The debate is seen as the sharp-tongued Sarkozy's last chance for a second term.

Sarkozy said he's being unfairly blamed for France's economic problems. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman signs her name as a show of support for blind Chinese legal activist Chen Guangcheng during an event, in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

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Blind activist wants to leave China

Chen Guangcheng. Blind Chinese legal activist wants to leave China, fears for his family, despite American brokered agreement

The blind Chinese activist at the centre of a six-day diplomatic tussle between the U.S. and China said he fears for his family's lives and wants to leave China, hours after American officials announced an agreement with Beijing that was to guarantee his safety.

Chen Guangcheng escaped from illegal house arrest and other mistreatment in his rural town, placing himself under the protection of U.S. diplomats last week.

On Wednesday, after six days holed up inside the American embassy, he emerged and was taken to a nearby hospital.

U.S. officials said they had extracted from the Chinese government a promise that Chen would reunite with his family and be allowed to start a new life in a university town.

Chen's flight into the protection of U.S. diplomats in Beijing last week had created a delicate diplomatic crisis for Washington and Beijing.

"I think we'd like to rest in a place outside of China," Chen said, appealing again for help from U.S. officials. "Help my family and me leave safely."

A State Department spokeswoman said no U.S. official spoke to Chen about physical or legal threats to his family. THE ASSSOCIATED PRESS

The path of the dissident

Chinese dissidents who leave can't return

Chinese dissidents know their influence can fade after they leave the country, and they face the possibility of never coming home.

Wei Jingsheng, a soldier and electrician whose faith in China's communist order was shaken by Mao Zedong's ruinous policies, spent 17 years in prison.

Rebiya Kadeer was considered a success in China: an ethnic Uighur who became a millionaire.

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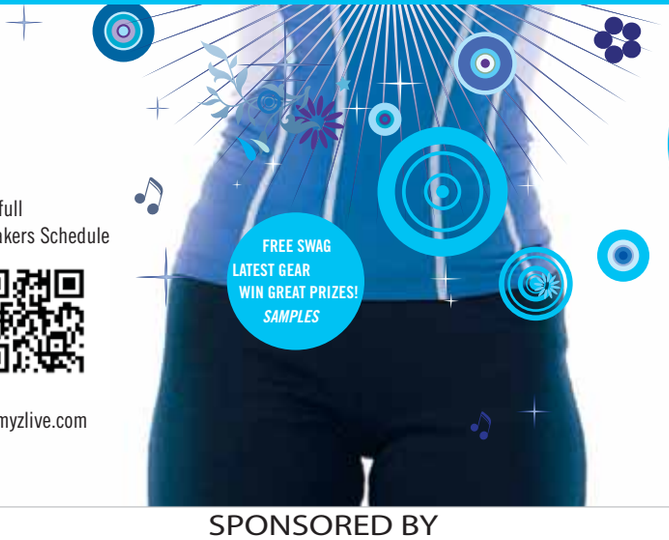

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Police forgot student in cell for four days

Negligence. Daniel Chong was left without food and drink for days without being charged

A college student picked up in a federal drug sweep in California was never arrested, never charged and should have been released. Instead, authorities say, he was forgotten in a holding cell for four days.

Without food, water or access to a toilet, Daniel Chong had to drink his own urine to survive and began hallucinating after three days because of a lack of nourishment, his lawyer said.

"He nearly died," Eugene Iredale said. "If he had been there another 12 to 24 hours, he probably would have died."

The top Drug Enforcement Administration agent in San Diego apologized Wednesday for Chong's treatment and promised an investigation into how his agents could have forgotten about him.

Iredale said he intends to seek damages from the DEA, and may file a lawsuit against the government.

The incident stands out as one of the worst cases of its kind, said Thomas Beauclair, deputy director of the National Corrections Institute.

"That is pretty much unheard of," he said, noting that, in his 40-year career, he has heard of instances where people were forgotten overnight but not for days.

Iredale said Chong, an engineering student at the University of California, San Diego, went to his friend's house on April 20 to get high. Every April 20th, pot smokers light up in a counterculture ritual held around the country at 4:20 p.m.

Chong fell asleep and, around 9 a.m. the next day, Iredale said, agents swept through the house in a raid that netted 18,000 ecstasy pills, other drugs and weapons. Nine people, including Chong, were taken into custody.

Chong was questioned for four hours and then told that he would be released, Iredale said. Chong was handcuffed and placed back in the same cell, a windowless room. The DEA said there are five cells at the facility.

The only view out was through a tiny peephole in the door. He could hear the muffled voices of agents and the sound of the door of the next cell being opened and closed, Iredale said. As the hours dragged into days, he kicked and screamed as loud as he could, Iredale said.

At one point, he ripped a piece of his clothing off and shoved it under the door, hoping someone would spot it and free him, his attorney said. Chong also ripped away foam from the wall.

Chong drank his own urine to survive. He bit into his eyeglasses to break them and then tried to use a shard to scratch "Sorry Mom" into his arm. He stopped after the "S," the attorney said. He said he believes Chong was thinking of killing himself.

Then the lights went out. He sat in darkness until the door finally opened April 25, Iredale said.

Chong told agents that he ingested a white powder they later identified as methamphetamine. It was not clear how the powder got into the cell. Chong told them it was not his, the lawyer said.

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Survival

"I had to recycle my own urine. I had to do what I had to do to survive."

Daniel Chong, student

Terrorism

Men charged in U.S. bomb plot

Five men charged with plotting to bomb a U.S. bridge placed what they thought were real explosives at the site and repeatedly tried to detonate them using text messages from cellphones, according to an FBI affidavit filed in court.

Federal authorities on Tuesday described the men as anarchists who are angry with corporate America and the government.

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Appeal

'Torture' author protected

An appeals court said Wednesday a former senior Department of Justice lawyer who wrote the so-called "torture memos" authorizing harsh treatment of suspected terrorists is protected from lawsuits.

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Macedonian terror arrests

Police officers escort a man into court to appear on terrorism charges in connection with the killing of five men last month, in Skopje, Macedonia, Wednesday. Macedonian authorities arrested some 20 radical Islamists, suspected in the murder of five Macedonian fishermen last month which fueled ethnic tensions in this tiny Balkan country.

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‘Risky’ article on bird flu published

Study. A new article outlines the danger of mutating H5N1 genes

A bird flu study that was blocked from publication for months after biosecurity experts questioned if it was unsafe to put it in the public domain has finally been published.

The work, conducted by a team led by influenza virologist Yoshihiro Kawaoka of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Tokyo, suggests that as few as three changes to the main gene on the surface of some H5N1 flu viruses might allow the virus to transmit efficiently among mammals — perhaps even humans.

Kawaoka and his team managed to create a hybrid virus that would transmit through the air, passing from infected to healthy ferrets, which were used in the experiment as a stand in for people. The newly transmissible virus needed four mutations in the surface gene, the hemagglutinin, which gives a flu virus the H portion of its name.

One of the mutations is already seen in viruses in the Middle East, Africa and parts of Asia and Europe, potentially leaving the need for only three more, if the virus were to take this route to gain the capacity to pass from human to human.

“Our study shows that relatively few amino acid mutations are sufficient for a virus with an avian H5 hemagglutinin to acquire the ability to transmit in mammals,” Kawaoka said in a press release.

Science currently has no way to gauge how likely or unlikely it is that this would happen. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Balinese official looks at a chicken after administering an injection to cull it in Bali, April 26. FIRDIA LISNAWATI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gaza Strip

Foot-and-mouth disease spreads

A UN agency says Egypt’s outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has reached neighbouring Gaza Strip and could soon spread across the Middle East.

The Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization said Wednesday the disease was detected in Gaza’s southern border town of Rafah on April 19.

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Cargo run

More space station delays

The first commercial cargo run to the International Space Station has been delayed again for more software testing.

Space Exploration Technologies Corp., better known as SpaceX, was aiming for a Monday liftoff of its Falcon rocket and Dragon capsule. The test flight already is three months late.

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Reader calls for real images

Julia Bluhm, 14, of Waterville, Maine, led a protest outside Hearst Corp. headquarters May 2, in New York. Bluhm delivered a petition of about 25,000 names and met with officials from the magazine urging them to publish one spread a month of model photos that have not been altered. LEANNE ITALIE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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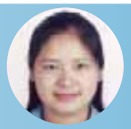
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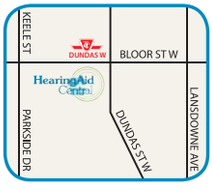

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Obama and Karzai agree to long-term strategic partnership

Signed. Plan could see thousands of American troops in Afghanistan for years to come

U.S. President Barack Obama and Afghan President Hamid Karzai shake hands before signing a strategic partnership agreement at the presidential palace in Kabul, Wednesday. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghanistan's president has branded his U.S. allies as corrupt, wasteful and contemptuous of Afghan lives. Once he even threatened to join the Taliban.

Nonetheless, Hamid Karzai signed a deal that could keep thousands of U.S. troops in his country for years.

Despite his rhetoric, Karzai needs international support if Afghanistan is to survive economically and avoid descending into civil war like it did when the Soviets left two decades ago.

The signing of the long-term strategic partnership, which will govern the relationship between the two countries from the end of 2014 until 2024, was welcomed on Wednesday by leading Afghans as a positive message that the West will not turn its back on their country.

It also gives Afghanistan much-needed military support to deal with an insurgency that shows no signs of abating. Less than two hours after U.S. President Barack Obama left Afghanistan early Wednesday, the Taliban carried out a brazen suicide attack in the capital against a heavily fortified compound housing hundreds of foreigners, killing at least seven Afghan civilians.

"Karzai was thinking that maybe it is good for the national interest of Afghanistan, its stability, peace and security," said Wahid Muzhda, a leading political analyst and ethnic Pashtun.

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Yemen

15 militants with al-Qaida ties killed

An airstrike Wednesday killed 15 al-Qaida-linked militants in their training camp in the country's south, Yemeni military officials said. The airstrike resembled earlier U.S. drone attacks, but the U.S. did not comment.

The officials said the air attack targeted the militants' camp north of the town of Jaar in the southern province of Abyan. It coincided with a Yemeni government offensive against the militants.

On Monday, 17 al-Qaida militants were killed in a two-pronged attack by military units and civilians who took up arms against al-Qaida south of the town of Lawder. Two civilians and a military officer were also killed in the fighting.

The Yemeni officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with military regulations.

For several weeks, the Yemeni military has been on the attack against al-Qaida.

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Mom denies taking daughter, 5, to tanning booth

Patricia Krentcil, 44, left, stands with her lawyer John Caruso.
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New Jersey. Salon owner said the child visited the salon with her mother but didn't go into tanning booth

A woman whose own skin is deeply bronze-coloured from regular visits to a tanning salon has been accused of taking her five-year-old daughter into a tanning booth in violation of New Jersey state law, burning the girl's skin.

Through her attorney, Patricia Krentcil, 44, of Nutley, entered a plea of not guilty Wednesday in Superior Court to a charge of child endangerment. New Jersey law bars anyone under 14 from using a tanning salon.

Prior to the hearing, Krentcil called the accusation a lie.

"It's all made up," she said.

She said her daughter, who was five at the time of the alleged incident in mid-April and has since turned six, got sunburned by being outside on an unseasonably warm day. She said her daughter, however, had mentioned to school officials when she complained of itching that she had been to a tanning salon with her mother.

Krentcil had told various TV stations her daughter was in the room at the salon but not in the stand-up tanning booth.

Police in Nutley told The Nutley Sun newspaper they were called to the child's school April 24 because the kindergartner was in pain from a "pretty severe sunburn." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bond

$2,500

Krentcil remained free on a $2,500 cash bond. She is scheduled to make her next court appearance on June 4.

Crime

Seniors put off by elder-abuse commercial, study says

A proposed tough-on-crime TV spot about elder abuse proved a little too creepy for seniors, new documents show.

Focus groups found the 30-second commercial, which featured an elderly woman inspecting a police line-up of suspected fraudsters, to be "off-putting/frightening."

Market-research firm Ipsos Reid urged the Department of Human Resources to use another, less unsettling ad.

"In borrowing of the symbols of law and order, the ad led participants down the wrong path," the company wrote in its February report.

"The criminalization might actually deter seniors from reporting abuse out of fear of losing their loved ones or needed caregivers. Police presence might be a deterrent for seniors from different cultural backgrounds."

Ipsos Reid ran 11 focus groups in Vancouver, Montreal, Halifax and London, Ont., last November. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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E-readers

Target phasing out Amazon Kindle

Target Corp. is phasing out Amazon.com Inc.'s e-reader Kindle at its more than 1,700 stores and its website.

Target spokeswoman Molly Snyder said Wednesday that the decision to stop selling Kindles this spring came after an "ongoing review" of Target's merchandise that evaluates quality and prices of the U.S. chain's offerings.

The move coincides with the discounter's plan to create mini shops of Apple Inc. products in 25 of its stores this year.

Despite competition from cheaper tablet computers such as Amazon's Kindle Fire, Apple's iPad remains the most popular tablet. Apple has sold more than 55 million iPads since the tablet's debut in 2010.

Target, which is based in Minneapolis, started selling Kindles two years ago. Target announced in late November that Amazon's Kindle was the bestselling tablet in its stores on the day after Thanksgiving, typically the busiest day of the year.

Target will also stop selling Kindle accessories like covers and chargers.

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Watchdog

Competition Bureau says it won't review MLSE takeover

Canada's competition watchdog will not challenge Bell Canada and Rogers Communications Inc. on their $1.07-billion takeover of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment, despite some concerns about concentration in the industry.

The Competition Bureau says it has issued a "no action" letter to the telecom giants indicating that it doesn't plan to have the deal reviewed under the Competition Act.

However, it added that it has heard several serious concerns about the effect of increasing concentration and vertical integration on the broadcasting industry.

It says the Commissioner of Competition is actively reviewing those concerns and won't hesitate to take action if she determines the Competition Act has been violated.

The legislation provides the bureau with a one-year period following the deal's closure to bring a challenge to the Competition Tribunal.

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Black's future in business uncertain

Prison release. Black, critics express doubt about the media baron's return to the media business

When former media baron Conrad Black is released from prison this week he returns to a media landscape far different from the one he walked away from a decade ago.

Whether he will want to jump back into the world he once dominated is unknown, but those who have followed his rise and fall from grace say Black could still wield influence, though likely not at a public company.

Black himself has indicated he's done with the type of scrutiny that comes with running a publicly traded company following the demise of Hollinger International Inc.

"The regulators, the minority shareholders, all that crap. Oh, I can't stand it," he told Vanity Fair in an interview before returning to jail last August to serve the remaining nine months of his prison term.

Karl Moore, a professor at McGill University's Desautels Faculty of Management, said Black is unlikely to be involved in a publicly traded company.

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Hollinger Inc.

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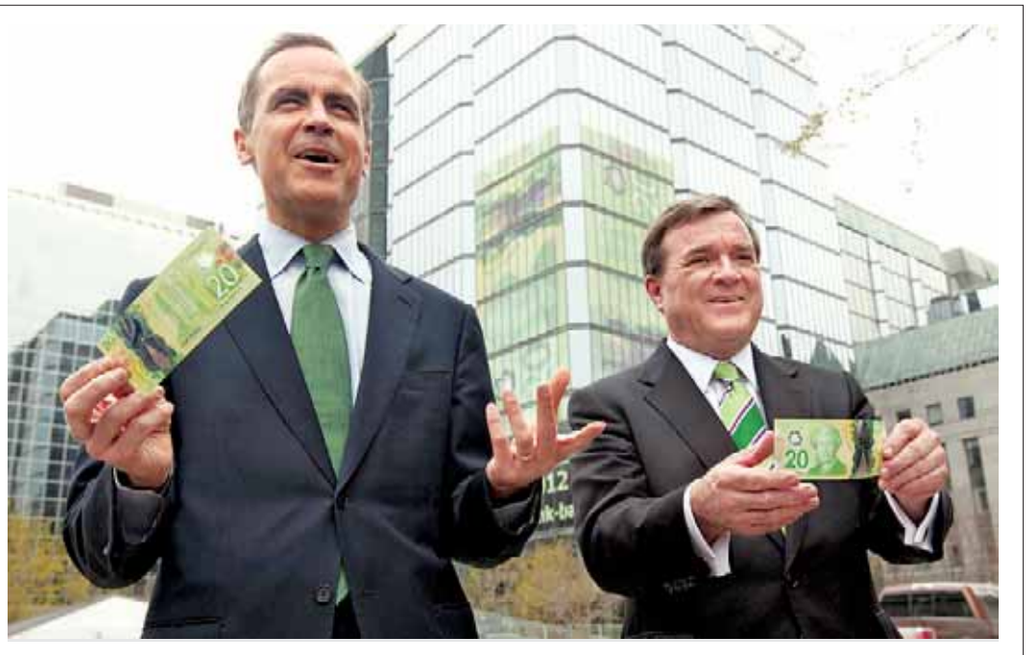
Baron Conrad Black
On running Hollinger International Inc.

Good timing

When Hollinger sold the bulk of its Canadian newspapers in 2000, the industry had yet to see its business radically transformed by the Internet.

Canwest Global, the broadcasting giant which bought the bulk of Black's Canadian holdings, has been dismantled and sold off in pieces with the newspapers now held by Postmedia Network.



Canadian wallets about to hold even more plastic

Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty, right, and Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney show off the new $20 bank bill during a ceremony in Ottawa, Wednesday. A mural of the new plastic twenty dollar bill is on the side of the Bank of Canada building behind them. The Bank of Canada unveiled the new $20 polymer bank note Wednesday that will replace the current paper-cotton bills. Gone from the back of the bill are the depictions of Canadian artist Bill Reid's sculptures Raven and the First Men and The Spirit of Haida Gwaii. In their place are the Canadian National Vimy Memorial and clusters of red poppies. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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RIM. Keypads to remain in new BlackBerry line

Chief executive Thorsten Heins says RIM will continue to offer devices with its popular physical keypad.

Heins told media at the BlackBerry World conference in Orlando on Wednesday that, despite rumours to the contrary, its new line of BlackBerrys due for release later this year will include both touchscreens and keypads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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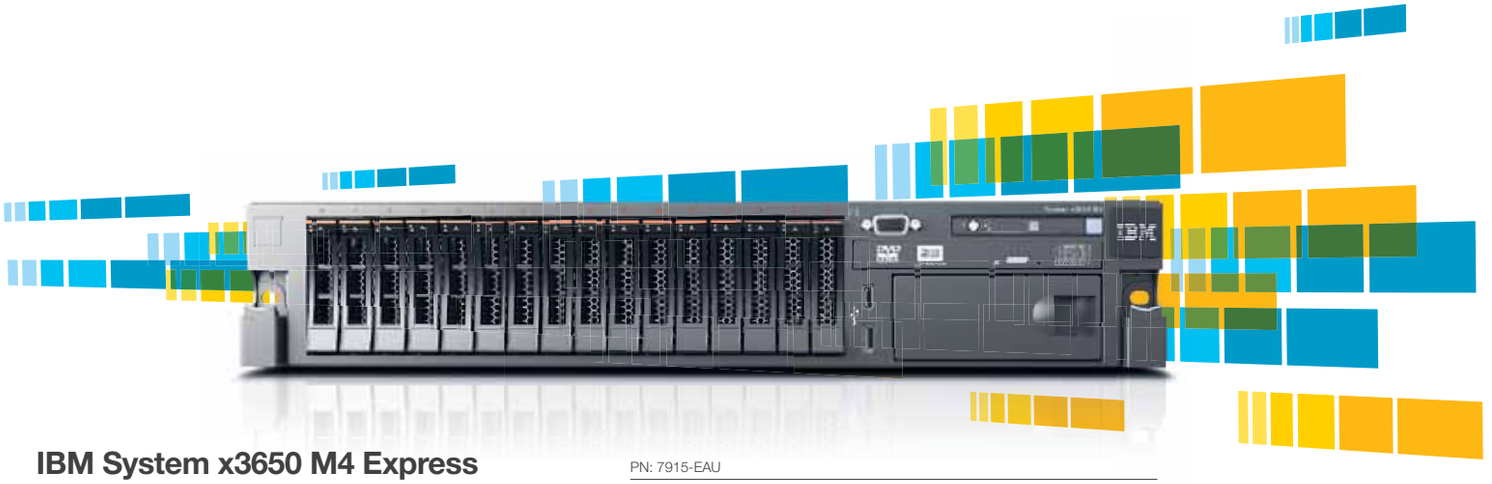

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Facebook could go public May 18, new report says

Tech. Company's founder campaigning to increase the social network's initial public offering, estimated to be $100 billion

Facebook will go public on May 18, a published report says, in one of the most highly anticipated tech initial public offerings since Google went public in August 2004.

The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that the social-networking company is set to start its roadshow on Monday, according to people familiar with the matter. The roadshow, a series of meetings with prospective institutional investors, is designed to stir interest in the company's stock.

Mark Zuckerberg, the founder and chief executive of Facebook, will attend some of the meetings, The Journal reported.

The Menlo Park, Calif.-based company is seeking to raise about $5 billion in the offering, giving the entire company a value of about $100 billion.

Officials for Facebook declined to comment.

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg
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Facebook last month announced it is buying Instagram, the company behind a popular mobile photo-sharing application with the same name, for $1 billion, its largest acquisition ever.

During the first quarter, Facebook's net income fell 12 per cent, weighed down by higher expenses even as its revenue soared. Net income fell to $205 million in the three months that ended March 31, from $233 million a year earlier, while net income attributable to common shareholders fell to $137 million from $153 million. That amounts to earnings of nine cents per share in the latest quarter, down from 11 cents a year earlier. Revenue rose 45 per cent to $1.06 billion.

The company had 901 million monthly active users as of March 31, up from 845 million as of the end of 2011.

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Barrick Gold chairman offers insight

Barrick Gold chairman Peter Munk, right, chats with company president and CEO Aaron Regent during their annual general meeting in Toronto on Wednesday. Munk offered a bullish outlook for gold, but acknowledged that shares in the miner have lagged the company's performance. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bell goes on hiring spree in Quebec

Bell is hiring 300 new technicians and other workers in the Quebec City region this year.

The company says the move is part of a $240-million plan to extend its fibre optic services to homes and businesses in the area.

Bell is competing with cable companies with its latest offerings.

The move will expand Bell's broadband Fibe TV, Internet and phone services.

Bell's corporate parent, BCE, is expected to release its first-quarter financial results on Thursday.

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THE COMPREHENSIVE CANADIAN LIST

HE SAYS...
John Mazerolle
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I've been enamoured lately with various best-selling books of factoids such as Schott's Miscellany, the Farmers Almanac and John's Bathroom Reader (no relation), and how, despite their diversity of information, they all come back to one key factoid: I want a best-selling book, too.

So I've begun collecting information about Canada — both interesting and oddball — that I might present the Canadian All-manac, where one can learn everything from the name of Canada's first secretary general to Nellie McClung's best-selling album. For the small sample of text I provide below, a small donation is appreciated and mandatory.

What people from various Canadian places are called:
- Cornwall: Cornwallas
- Leduc: Leducs of Earl
- Kenora: Kenoraephrons
- Medicine Hat: Pillboxers
- Dawson Creek: Vanderbeeks
- Grand Prairie: Newfoundlanders
- Toronto: Empty inside

The most popular Canadian pickup lines:
"Condoms if necessary, but not necessarily condoms."
"General Wolfe would have pulled through if he'd seen you."
"It's been 172 years. Time for another Act of Union?"
"Hey baby, you want to see my Head of State?"

Reasons Canadian prescription drugs are restricted in the U.S.:
- Canadian drugs include the evil gateway drug medicinal marijuana.
- There is no way to tell what's actually in the bottle because the labels are written in Canadian.
- Buying cheaper drugs from another country is just another sad example of "trying to be popular around the world because that would make sense and help our citizens."
- Canadian drugs could promote a polite, moderate lifestyle.

Most popular Canadian pastimes (non-hockey):
- Hockey.
- Nationality-hyphenating.
- Making love to a canoe.
- Mumbling O Canada.
- Historical re-enactments of the drafting of the Constitution Act of 1867. (I call George-Etienne Cartier!)
- Hating Canadian provinces you've never been to.
- Heritage moment drinking game! Drink if you hear, "I need these baskets back!" "Ahhh, Mr. Clarence, why doont you just rrread it then?" and "Hey, buddy, he means the friggin' village."

Ways Canadian soldiers differ from American soldiers:
- Canadian snipers say "sorry" after every shot.
- Humanitarian packages consist of three beer, some maple syrup, and Rock 'em Sock 'em 18.
- Afghan poppy fields are razed, but replaced with medicinal marijuana.
- Uniforms by Roots.

Failed Canadian tourism slogans:
Manitoba: I'd walk a mile for a neighbour!
Ontario: Ride the downward spiral!
New Brunswick: For the love of God, stop!
Newfoundlanders: Your favourite walks-into-a-bar jokes come to life!
Nunavut: Friends, frostbite and fun!
Saskatchewan: Flat is phat!

Popular Canadian adult films:
- Winnipeggers
- Oh, Canada!
- Debbie does Drapeau
- They call him Avro Arrow
- Henderson Scores #8
- Goose!
- Ig-naughty-iff
- The Devil and Mrs. Lyon Mackenzie King
- Backdoor Legislation: A National Film Board joint
- Dief-Throat

All eyes on the lens

MAURIZIO MALAGOLI/SOLENT NEWS & PHOTO AGENCY

Staring contest?

Owls spy with their little eyes

MODENA, ITALY. Amateur photographer and computer professional Maurizio Malagoli captured these little owls looking identically wide-eyed at the camera, after they were startled by an earlier picture being taken. Malagoli was left with this photograph, which shows the birds' yellow eyes in a perfect diagonal line. **METRO**

60 seconds

Maurizio Malagoli

Where did you capture this stunning image?
In Modena there is a sanctuary that tends to wounded animals before they are released back into the wild. At night, owls are attracted by the headlights of cars and are often injured on the roads. I arrived there the day some owls were being released. I positioned myself among the trees, wore green camouflage and waited a couple of hours before the owls were close enough to photograph. Looking into the lens I saw nothing but yellow eyes looking at me with a curious expression. **METRO**

Trivia

Sacred in Greek culture

- Scientifically known as athene noctua, little owls are associated with Athena, Greek goddess of wisdom, who is often featured with them in ancient art; the Greek one-euro coin shows the same little owl design as the silver tetradrachm coin from 2,500 years ago.

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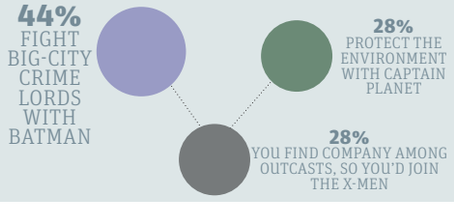
If you could create a superhero version of yourself, whose team would you join?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@torontomike:
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@venividitweety:
You know what people forget when discussing democracy? People don't all want or care (about) the same things. #cdnpoli

@416bec:
The beautiful moment this morning, driving to work on Dufferin... Hear the news item that it was voted the worst road. #yup

@spadinosaur:
no love for dufferin st. today

@JayMullinEng:
Niagara Tunnel project could have come in under budget if they had just used black paint to paint a hole in the rock #LooneyTunesCleantech

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STOP HAIR LOSS

Introducing the new BIO-FEN® PLUS for MEN and for WOMEN

Hair Grow Technology's Bio-Fen® product line is continually moving forward! We are introducing our two latest versions; **Bio-Fen® Plus for Men** and **Bio-Fen® Plus for Women**. These products have been assigned Natural Product Numbers (NPN's) by Health Canada.

We recognize that both men and women experience androgenic alopecia (AGA, or male / female pattern baldness) and have made some improvements to the original formulation based on the latest science to address their specific needs. You will notice that we now have additional complementary (Health Canada Approved) health claims on each product.

How does Bio-Fen® PLUS work?

We are bringing you two new products with **double** the number of capsules and **triple** the number of health claims for men and **four times** the number of health claims for women.

As in the previous formulation, the fenugreek seed extract in both new formulas reduces excess blood lipid levels (hyperlipidemia). Fenugreek contains β-sitosterol, an active plant sterol, which has been shown to inhibit 5-alpha-reductase activity – the enzyme responsible for converting excess testosterone to *DHT* (which is the primary molecule that causes hair loss). The SDG (secoisolariciresinol diglucoside) from flax lignans in both formulas also decreases excess cholesterol - the building block of testosterone. Based on new research on the rate of metabolism of SDG in flax lignans (8-12 hours on average), the dosage in both products has been revised from once a day to twice a day for optimum results.

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The saw palmetto that originally was an extract standardized to 45% free fatty acids, esters, and sterols while the new formula is a 4:1 extract to support the BPH claim. The product still contains these molecules for hair loss, but they are now at proprietary amounts based on our research so that the competition cannot duplicate our formula.

Bio-Fen® Plus for Men will also help to:

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- ***Prevent iron deficiency.***
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Full Frontal T.O. Show depicts the changing face of our city's neighbourhoods

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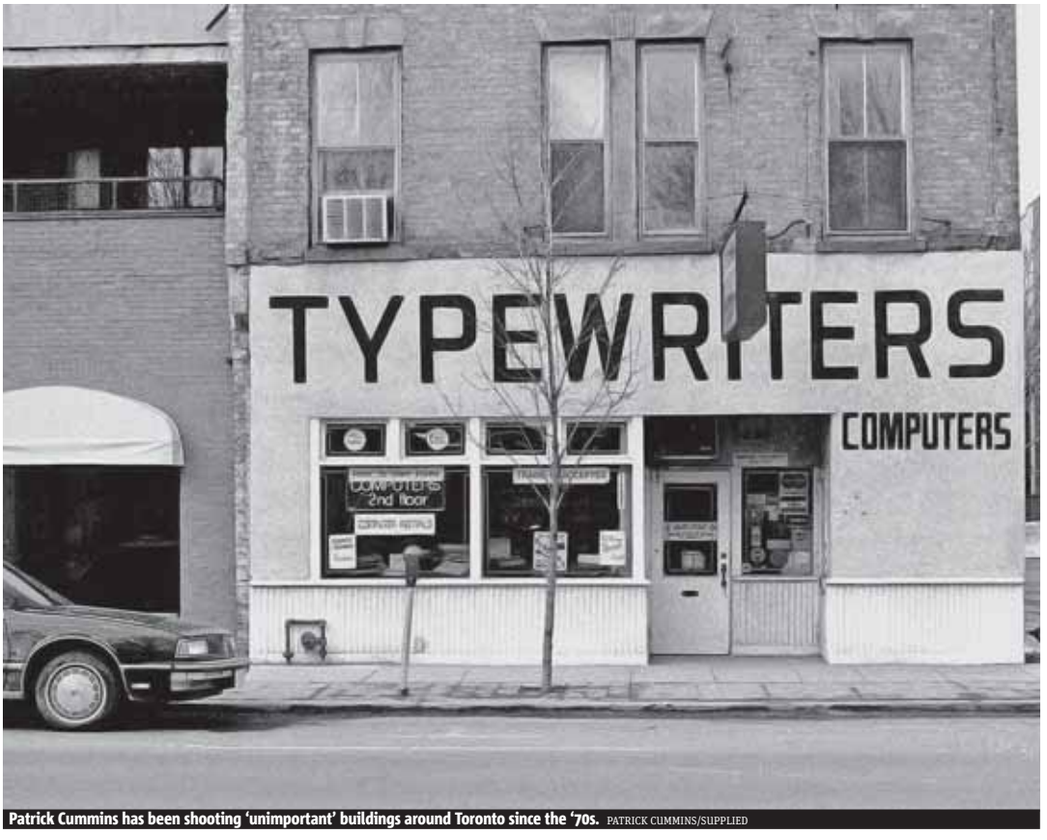

Patrick Cummins has been shooting 'unimportant' buildings around Toronto since the '70s. PATRICK CUMMINS/SUPPLIED

When Patrick Cummins moved from Georgetown to Cabbagetown in 1977, he never imagined that the unkempt nature of the neighbourhood would prove to be the inspiration behind his life's work.

A photographer, Cummins was attracted to the dilapidated signage and homes that lined the streets on his walk to art school, and started shooting store fronts and blocks of housing.

Now, many of those photos are taking centre stage in Full Frontal T.O., a book, with text from local writer Shawn Micallef and exhibit as part of the Scotiabank CONTACT photography festival.

"I think in general I've always been attracted to Toronto as a working city," says Cummins. "The people who live and work here, not the Toronto that gets promoted all the time. The living neighbourhoods."

Cummins shot these "unimportant" buildings haphazardly until about 1988. "I realized I was reshooting things," he says.

More importantly though, he realized his subjects were changing as the ebb and flow of people and businesses moved in and out. From then on he started taking a more organized approach to his work.

These days, Cummins keeps shooting lists and itineraries, although he does like to wander, sussing out neighbourhoods that look like they might be on the verge of rapid change or buildings with similar signage or architectural style. He figures two thirds of the 75,000 photos in his collection are of the city's architecture.

Nineteenth century buildings continue to act as "the backbone of the city," he says, surviving long beyond the original intention of the people who built them.

"The lives that are lived in [these buildings] change and mold them to their shape," he says.

"We try to control this, but these things are just happening."

Full Frontal T.O. — To May 31. Urbanspace Gallery, 401 Richmond St. urbanspacegallery.ca

50 years of the Rolling Stones

The Analogue Gallery at 673 Queen Street West already keeps a pretty stellar collection of rock 'n' roll photography. But that collection gets a boost this month with its latest exhibition, 50 Years of the Rolling Stones. This retrospective features pics from the English band's early days, through their rise to fame, all the way to contemporary shots of the aging stars. The gallery was also able to snag 40 signed copies of All Access: The Rock 'n' Roll Photography of Ken Regan whose work is featured in the show. 50 Years of the Rolling Stones runs May 3 to June 3 as part of CONTACT.

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SCENE

Scene in brief

YouTube launches channels

YouTube is adding to its original programming by launching channels specializing in female dramas and United States Olympic athletes. The Google Inc.-owned video site announced the new channels Wednesday ahead of an upfront presentation to advertisers. YouTube has sunk more than $100 million into an ambitious project to lure audiences for longer viewings and attract advertisers with higher quality videos. Filmmakers Jon Avnet and Rodrigo Garcia will launch the channel WIGS, focusing on scripted dramas for women. Also new is a TeamUSA channel from the U.S. Olympic Committee that will feature content ahead of the 2012 games.
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On the web

U.K. police arrest 2 over theft of valuable Chinese artifacts from Cambridge Museum

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Ruffalo talks about the monster inside

The Avengers. Playing The Hulk is actor's latest challenge — besides fighting fame

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Mark Ruffalo takes on the role of The Hulk in The Avengers, opening Friday. HANDOUT

I meet Mark Ruffalo at a midtown Toronto hotel to chat about The Avengers not realizing it represented a coming home of sorts for the actor. As we talked about playing the dual role of David Banner and his rage-a-holic alter ego The Hulk I mention one of his first television acting gigs, a guest spot on Due South shot in Hogtown.

"I stayed at this hotel before it was revamped," he says. "It was pretty low-end back then."

Judging by the fancy-shmancy Lobster Grilled Cheese on the room service menu the hotel is in better shape these days, and so is Ruffalo's career. The Oscar nominated actor is about to enjoy his biggest box office stint ever, despite having recently moved his family away from what he calls "the machinery" of Hollywood.

"Sometimes roles reflect where you are in your life," he says. "This came along and I tried to come up with every reason why I shouldn't do it, but I was still interested in it."

He saw a parallel between himself and the character.

"I ran away like Banner. I have this beast that's inside me that is celebrity and fame.

And this thing I have been on the run from has a tremendous amount of power, which if it is used right could actually have a positive effect in the world. And reach an audience."

That means making more of the kind of movies Ruffalo specializes in — indie dramas with real characters and situations. In the meantime, however, he has a blockbuster to promote, which involves the drudgery of answering the same questions over and over again.

"The big one," he says, "which I think has been asked the most is 'Which superhero power would you have?' Basically you have a choice between flying and being invisible. Then Scarlett added teleporting, which I thought was a cool one. Now mine is to be able to turn into anything I wanted at any given moment. I could be a river. I could be a cheeseburger with a beautiful girl eating me."

He doesn't care much for having to answer those kinds of questions, but would jump at the chance to revisit the Hulk.

"Let's do Planet Hulk! He won't let Banner have his body back! There's this huge existential fight going on. It's not The Hulk versus the World, it's the Hulk versus Banner and Banner versus the Hulk inside himself."

Quoted

"I have this beast that's inside me that is celebrity and fame."
Mark Ruffalo

SNL. Creator mum on possible cast changes

Canadian Saturday Night Live creator Lorne Michaels showed a sense of humour as he dodged a question about impending cast changes on Wednesday.

Rumour has it that stars Kristen Wiig, Jason Sudeikis and Andy Samberg could all leave the long-running sketch series when the current season ends on May 19, but Michaels said he didn't know yet what would happen.

"I could (comment) except I'm not really certain myself," the 67-year-old Toronto native said in a conference call Wednesday.

"I know there will be some (changes), but it's just sort of the nature of the way we work that no one really talks about it until the season's done. Needless to say, I'd like everybody to stay."

He waited a beat, before quipping: "Did that avoid that question successfully?"

Joined on the call by this Saturday's host, two-time Super Bowl MVP quarterback Eli Manning, Michaels did nevertheless acknowledge that he would spend the summer scouring dark comedy clubs for possible additions to the venerable show's cast.

"I think the show has always been about bringing new people in," Michaels said.

For now, the only newbie is Manning. The 31-year-old says he and his brother, newly signed Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, grew up watching SNL.

"I am a fan and ... that style of humour, I appreciate it," said Manning, who was then pressed on his all-time favourite skit. "Chris Farley and Patrick Swayze doing the dancing, the Chippendales — that's always a classic," he replied.

Manning's elder brother also hosted the show back in 2007, and was one of two former SNL hosts — along with NFL analyst John Madden — who phoned the New York Giants quarterback to offer advice.

Mainly, the message delivered was that Manning should trust the writers and try to have fun. "I think the good thing about Saturday Night Live is you can kind of come in and maybe express a different side that people don't see," Manning said. "I think that's one thing I'd say about Peyton and I, we don't mind making fun of (ourselves) or letting jokes be at our own expense."

It was that irreverence that appealed to Michaels, who says he tried to persuade Manning to host the show for years. "I think he's both charming and radiates a certain kind of intelligence," said Michaels, who also hinted that musical guest Rihanna could take part in a skit.

"You sort of believe that he doesn't take himself that seriously. I think he takes his work very seriously."

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Kristen Wiig may be ending her stint on SNL. GETTY IMAGES

Norah Jones didn't set out to make a concept album but that's what she turned out. HANDOUT

Norah Jones nails concept album on Little Broken Hearts

New album. Singer partners with Danger Mouse and turns out a new level of music genius from a still young career

Norah Jones has a piano in her kitchen. You need look no further than this wonderfully off-kilter fact for a metaphor to describe the 33-year-old singer's evolution as she releases arguably the most interesting album of her career, Little Broken Hearts.

"It's nice because I have a music room, but you know it's like the office you never go in or the dining room you never go in or something," Jones said. "So I ended up putting this funky old piano in my kitchen and it's great."

Jones didn't set out to put a piano in her kitchen, of course. Much like her collaboration with producer Danger Mouse on Little Broken Hearts, it just kind of happened naturally.

Quote

"I just like how it's turned into sort of a bit of a concept album without any intentions of that's what we were going to. I'm proud that it ended up being what it is, going in knowing so little about what would happen. I love it."

Norah Jones
On making music

"I just like how it's turned into sort of a bit of a concept album without any intentions of that's what we were going to do," Jones said. "I'm proud that it ended up being what it is, going in knowing so little about what would happen. I love it."

Little Broken Hearts little resembles Jones' previous four solo albums, from the vampy cover photo to its lyrical content and vaguely psychedelic sound. It's edgy, effects-laden and deeply personal. She's written a few songs she felt were this personal before, especially on her 2009 album The Fall. But much of Little Broken Hearts centres on her life and the emotions you run through during relationship problems — from betrayal and indecision to healing and moving on.

The 12 songs on Hearts represent a true collaboration between Jones and Brian Burton, who produces under the name Danger Mouse. They mainly focus on a difficult breakup Jones went through, but she says Burton's fingerprints are all over the place and his ideas and lyrics transformed songs in unexpected ways.

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Leslie Feist. GETTY IMAGES

This label has legs

Arts & Crafts. The band that launched it all has announced their retirement, but other acts on their indie label are achieving far-reaching success

Earlier this month, a gobsmacked Leslie Feist rose to accept her third Juno Award, the lofty artist of the year honour. Only a few minutes prior, a similarly stunned Dan Mangan walked across the stage to collect his second Juno trophy, for new artist of the year.

Mangan and Feist are labelmates on the Toronto indie Arts & Crafts, and their five wins that night represented a bountiful haul for an imprint that had lost its supposed meal ticket roughly six months prior.

That was when the groundbreaking collective Broken Social Scene announced via Twitter that its Nov. 8 show in Rio de Janeiro would be its last, with an indefinite hiatus to immediately follow.

Once upon a time, a broken Broken could have spelled the end for Arts & Crafts, the label co-founded by that band's singer Kevin Drew and former Virgin Records executive Jeffrey Remedios.

But with a roughly 60-person cheering section toasting the label's success at the Junos, the end sure didn't appear in sight. And the moment was made only sweeter considering that one of Arts & Crafts' greatest victories yet occurred with its defining act confined to the sidelines.

"It really made us feel like, 'OK, we kind of bleed in the trenches every day and it's nice to see that people are recognizing the work of these great artists,"' Remedios said in a recent telephone interview of the Juno acclaim.

Arts & Crafts was born just under 10 years ago. Drew and rock veteran Brendan Canning — an erstwhile member of hHead and By Divine Right — had invited Remedios to listen to a near-finished cut of the second disc they'd been working on under the Broken Social Scene banner, this time with help from a broad collection of friends. THE CANADIAN PRESS

There's no scene like a broken scene:

"I used to always joke: If you want to start a music company, I highly recommend you do it with Broken Social Scene."

Jeffrey Remedios, Arts & Crafts co-founder, on the perks of working with a musical collective.

Wanted: A paradigm shift for boy bands

Part of The Wanted's excitement over its recent success in America comes from being initially dissed in its native United Kingdom.

"Some radio stations in the U.K. who found out we were a boy band refused to play (our music)," said member Nathan Sykes. "They were like, 'We love the song, but we can't play boy bands because we'll lose our credibility."'

Added Max George: "These are like the most uncool people in the world."

Being a boy band has somewhat haunted the British basedquintet since its formation in 2009. People in the industry have tried to put the group in a box; the guys were even told at one point they'd need to learn how to dance.

"We're like, 'No! No chance,"' Sykes recalled. "And then we moved record labels very shortly afterward."

But coming to America — and achieving some success — is a dream come true for the group. After releasing two top five albums and five hit singles in Europe, they've now duplicated some of that in America with the party jam Glad You Came, which has spent eight weeks in the top 10 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. Their U.S. manager is Scooter Braun, who also manages Justin Bieber.

"In America, before they even questioned who we were, they were like, 'We like the song. Let's play it,"' said Jay McGuiness. "And that changed things for us."

The Wanted drop a full-length album this fall. The EP features songwriting and production work by Diane Warren, Ryan Tedder, Claude Kelly, Steve Mac and Wayne Hector. And they almost recorded a song written by Adam Levine.

"It's difficult with someone like him though," George said. "How are we going to record that and make it sound better?"

The Wanted are on the scene when boy bands have made an official comeback, with fellow Brits One Direction leading the pack. But The Wanted — whose youngest member is 18 and oldest is 23 — says the group isn't a typical boy band, mainly because they play instruments: George is on bass, McGuiness plays the drums, the piano for Sykes, while Tom Parker and Siva Kaneswaran are on guitar.

Still, they don't reject the label, despite some of the early predicaments it caused.

"I was nearly ill at the thought of being in a boy band," Sykes admitted. "But then we sat down, had a meeting and we were like, 'No, this is how we want to do it differently. We want to have a new take on boy bands.'"

"We love all of our fans, but it isn't specially aimed at boy-band fans," McGuiness said. "Our music can crossover to everyone, and we try not cheese people out too much." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Wanted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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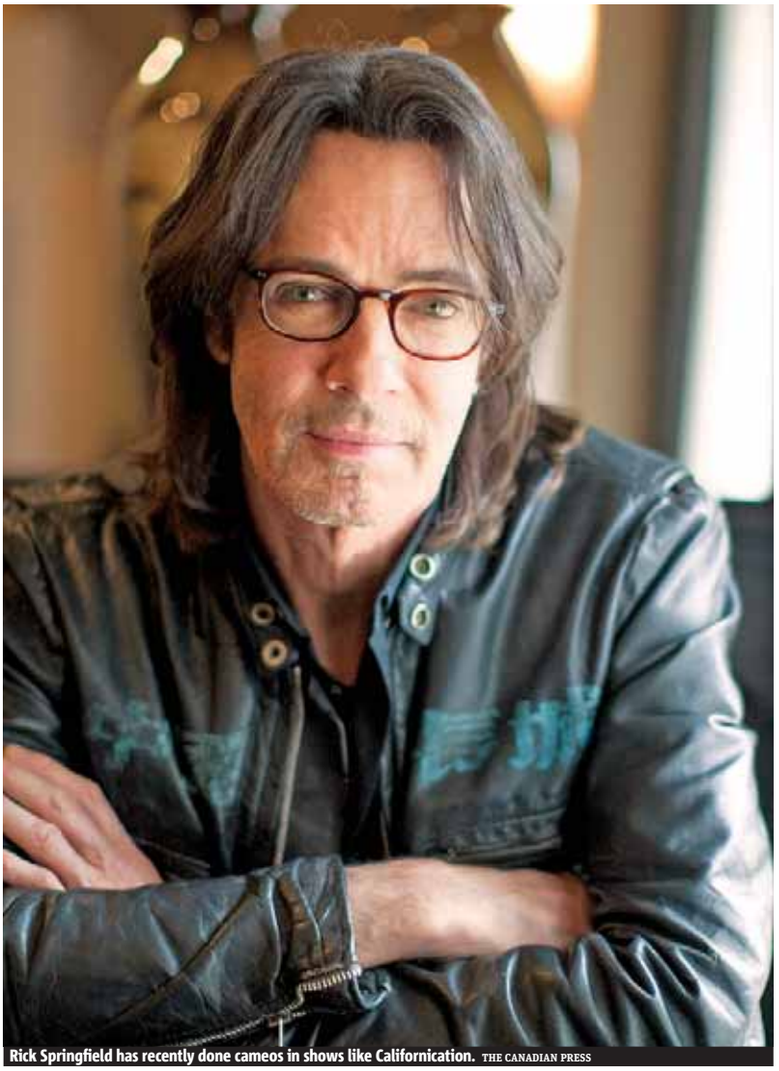
From Jessie's Girl to Hot Docs — Rick keeps rockin'

Rick Springfield. At 61, the '80s star won't do reality TV, but he is writing a series that he hopes to play the lead in



Rick Springfield has recently done cameos in shows like Californication. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rocker and former soap heart-throb Rick Springfield says he's angling to return to the small screen and is writing an edgy dramatic series in which he hopes to star.

The Australian-born '80s singer says he's been working on several TV scripts ever since he wrote a tell-all book that was released in 2010.

Springfield says he'd like to do a lot more acting after recent cameos that included the raunchy specialty series Californication, the geriatric sitcom Hot in Cleveland and a brief return to General Hospital where he reprised his role as the hunky Dr. Noah Drake.

So far, Springfield says most of his offers come from reality television but he's sworn off the genre.

"I've been offered those so many friggin' times," Springfield said during a recent stop in Toronto for the Canadian International Documentary Festival.

"And (I'll) never (do) Dancing With the Stars. My wife said she'd divorce me if I ever did that. They ask me every year."

The 61-year-old still performs between 70 and 100 concerts a year and is gearing up to release a new album in the fall.

At the core of his fanbase is a group of ardent followers who trace their devotion to the early '80s, when Springfield broke onto the charts with his infectious smash Jessie's Girl.

Their unwavering loyalty — and sometimes-disturbing devotion — is the focus of the documentary An Affair of the Heart, which had its Canadian premiere at the Hot Docs festival earlier this week.

Another screening is set for Thursday.

Amid plenty of concert footage, interviews and nostalgic looks back at Springfield's heydays, director Sylvia Caminer tracks down several "Rick-a-holics" and traces the myriad ways in which they connect with his music and have even managed to bond with the star himself.

"Some people have an addiction to cocaine, people like me have an addiction to Rick Springfield," one fan declares in a voiceover.

It's soon clear she's not alone.

Stay-at-home moms Sue and Joanne make a point of catching a Springfield-related event as often as every month, with one husband bemoaning: "She wakes up and it's Rick Rick Rick until she goes to bed."

Meanwhile, an interfaith minister credits one of Springfield's harder-rocking albums with helping her cope with the suppressed anger she felt after a brutal sex assault.

Throughout, Springfield makes a point of showing supporters he doesn't take their loyalty for granted. He hosts an annual music cruise, invites fans to pre-concert soundchecks and in the case of one longtime admirer, even emailed to offer condolences when he heard her husband had died.

Springfield says he owes his career to loyal fans who stuck with him through the decades, even after he withdrew from the spotlight in a deep depression that followed his meteoric rise.

Back when he started out, Springfield says he was more focused on himself than anything else but he's since learned to appreciate the audience that has buoyed a rebirth in his career.

Meanwhile, he's pleased to see that some of the detractors who dismissed him as a lightweight years ago have become fans today.

"Certainly the longevity of songs like Jessie's Girl hasn't hurt," he says of his 1981 pop smash, which was recently covered on the musical TV series Glee.

"It's given them time to see that I'm a musician and I think because of the soap opera thing there was a lot of confusion about whether I was a real musician or whether I was just an actor pretending to be a musician. Once that was cleared up I think it's been a lot easier for people to accept me."

Part of his rebirth has also been due to acting stints like Californication, in which Springfield played a twisted, debauched version of himself.

The role led to "a lot of high fives in the airport from guys," he notes wryly.

"Since I wrote the book my publisher and I have been working together on different scripts," he adds.

"I'm looking very much forward to doing more acting this year."

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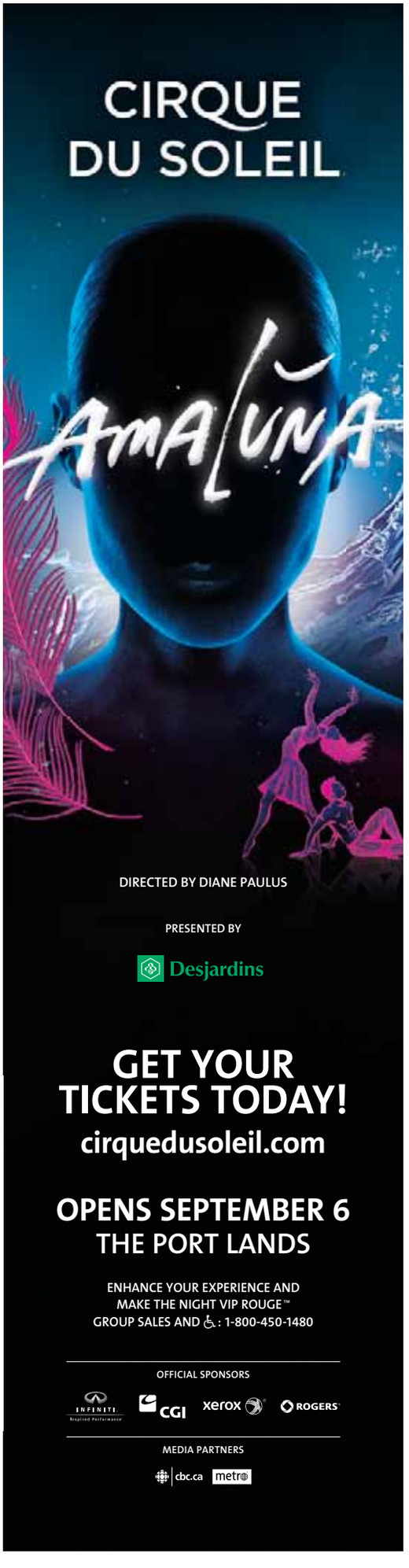
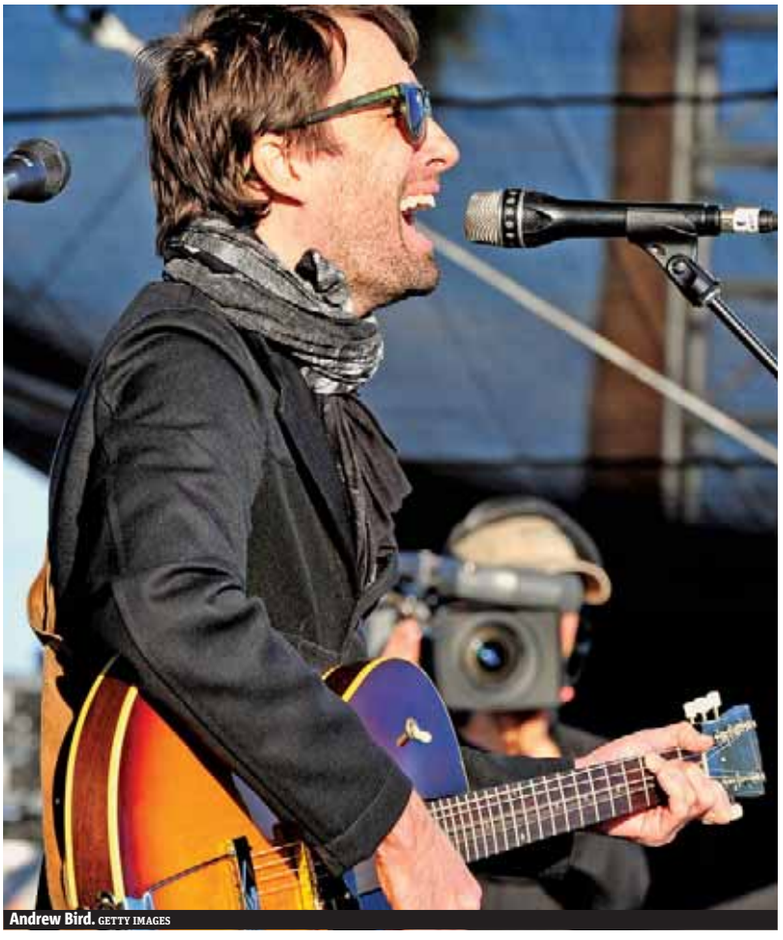
Hot Docs

Rick Springfield documentary An Affair of the Heart screens at Hot Docs this Thursday.





Andrew Bird. GETTY IMAGES

Andrew Bird breaks through with Break It Yourself album

New music. Latest songs plot songwriter's trajectory from a breakup in Chicago to a new life in New York

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News

One week after Andrew Bird filmed an appearance on Jimmy Kimmel Live! in Los Angeles, the singer-songwriter and violinist is back home in New York with his segment due to air that night.

Apart from Saturday Night Live, Bird has done just about all the late night TV shows. "Colbert was a high point," he says, admitting he's a big Stephen Colbert fan. He's confident that SNL will happen "in due time."

And Bird is due. Break It Yourself has just been released.

"I call it my ninth album," Bird says. "It's the ninth album that's had a cycle to it. There's been a live record and soundtracks. If you count them all up, there's probably 15 or 16."

That includes his pre-solo outfit Andrew Bird's Bowl of Fire, which highlighted the 38-year-old's love of pre-war jazz before his singer-songwriter turn. Bird's future work, however, might take yet another musical twist.

"I continue to write songs that make sense as an Andrew Bird record, but I hear things that I don't know how to pull off yet. All I can say is what I am hearing is less pop-oriented and more devotional or religious. Not religious in the sense of 'Jesus I love you,'" he emphasizes.

"It seems like it might be time to do something a little different."

The antisocial network

Andrew Bird is a Chicago native, but has called New York City home for almost two years. Break It Yourself plots his trajectory from a breakup to a new life there.

"I don't tend to write songs where there's any mention of breaking any hearts. There's a theme on the record of being self-contained, self-satisfied, I suppose.

"A lot of New Yorkers are experts at that. I'm puzzling through whether that's a virtue, not needing anyone else. I've got my own solitary, antisocial leanings. I'm kind of questioning those on the record."

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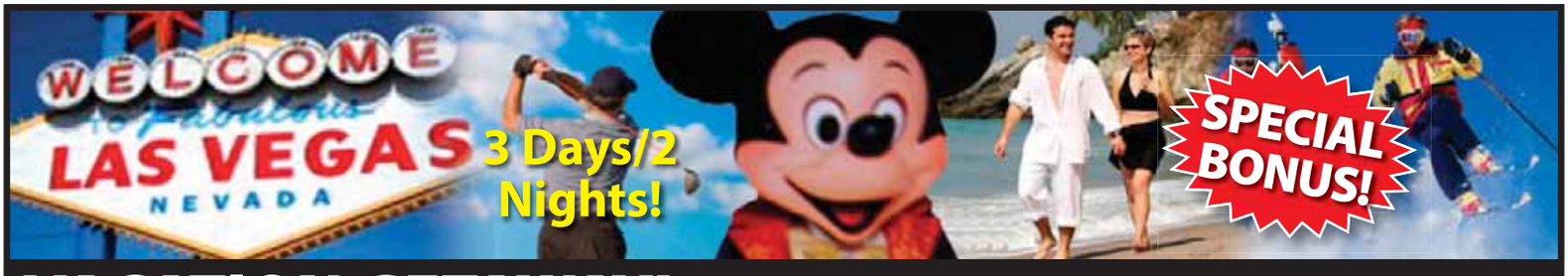

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‘I’m Catholic, I don’t need to think’

A Perfect Family. Film tackles rigid religious beliefs that can apply to many faiths

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MWN in Hollywood

While A Perfect Family takes a devout Catholic woman to task for not being more tolerant of her family — a recovering alcoholic husband, a son who’s left the wife he married too young and a lesbian daughter ready to start a family — star Kathleen Turner doesn’t think the film is critical of the church and its members. This, even though her character spouts the line, “I’m Catholic, I don’t need to think,” in the heat of the moment.

“I thought we were pretty nice,” Turner insists.

In fact, despite her character’s fierce Catholic identity, she sees the story as transcending any particular faith.

“It doesn’t have to be Catholicism, it can be any organized and rigid religion,” she says. “It could be Judaism, it could be Islam. Any religion that says, ‘This is the only way God approves of you,’ is fine as a structure for this conflict. Catholicism simply is the most familiar for this, the most workable ear. I wanted to figure out how she survived.”

Beyond the religious aspects, Turner says the main draw for signing on to A Perfect Family was how much she couldn’t relate to the character at all.

“She can accept this incredibly rigid formula for living, the rules — this is right and this is wrong — and expect to live in the real world. This seems to me an impossible task,” Turner says. “And then to have so much of her private world, her family — all three members of her family — be so far outside what she believes in, how does this woman survive? Well, I think, again, every character has to change, has to go through a stage of growth to be interesting, period. If she doesn’t change, then I’m not interested in doing her.”

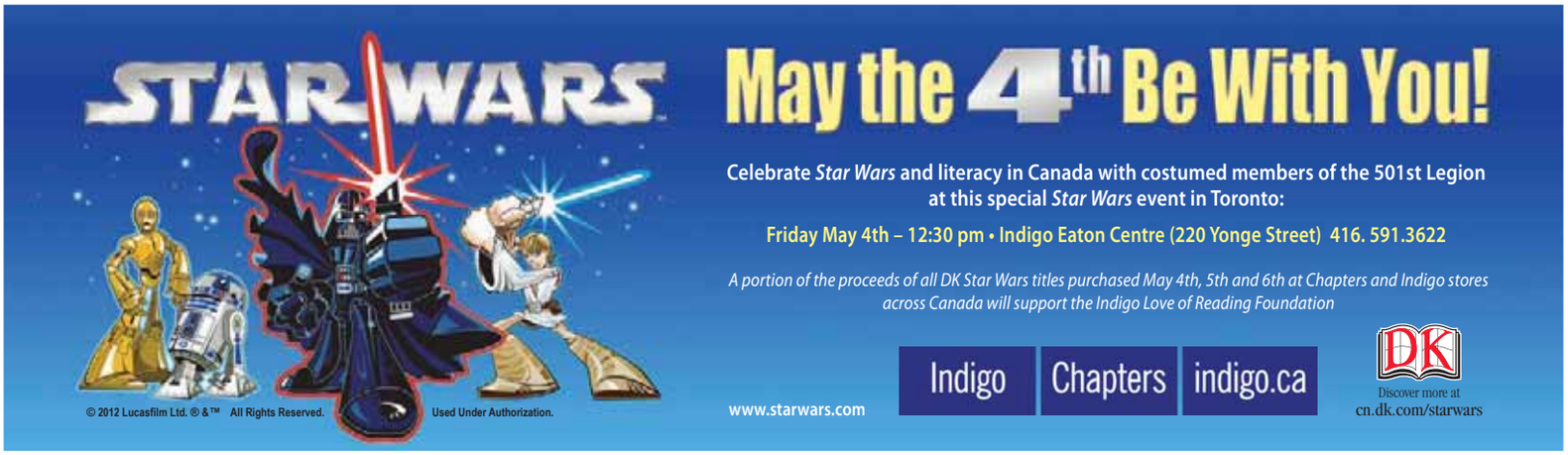
As for Turner herself, her own belief system isn’t directed by a religious institution.

“I believe that I would die for my daughter, that that would be the most important thing on earth to me, more important than my own life. Absolutely,” she says. “I believe that to never knowingly cause harm to someone or to profit from someone else’s harm is the golden rule, and if I follow that, then that will be the best way I can live. If I can be true to that, then I think I will be a good person. That’s about as doctrinaire as I get.”

Acting sultry

- Kathleen Turner and Lauren Bacall share something in common: a distinct, sultry voice that’s become something of a calling card for each actress. And while Turner says the two “have joked about” teaming up on screen as mother and daughter, they’ve been able to keep themselves amused with a game they came up with.
- “We would run into each other at theatres or at restaurants before or after, and we had this game where I’d always say, ‘Miss Bacall, how lovely to see you,’ and she’d say (in a lower voice), ‘How are you, Miss Turner?’” Turner explains. “And I’d say (in an even lower voice), ‘Very well, thank you.’ How low can you go was our game. It was fun.”

Kathleen Turner. GETTY IMAGES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Jaime Cepero has had fun shaping the character of Ellis. HANDOUT

Cepero dishes on the biggest swindler in showbiz — Ellis

Smash. Ambition and a taste for the finer things in life drives villainous character

T. MICHELLE MURPHY
Metro World News in New York

"By the end of this season, the Ellis gun goes off," Jaime Cepero tells us about his deliciously villainous character on NBC's Smash. We interviewed him to find out more about everyone's favourite showbiz swindler.

So despite all the grief we give him in our recaps, Ellis is one of our favourite characters on Smash. And he gets some of the best storylines on the show. Do you agree?
Yeah, absolutely. I think the most exciting thing about this character for me, as an actor, was that he's really undefined as you go into the series. It sets the platform to kind of go anywhere I want, in as far as storyline. And it's been really interesting to watch him grow and get a new script each week and see where this kid is going. A lot of the other characters are very defined when you go into the series, and he's very special in that sense.

He's also painted as a villain — but do you think he accurately represents a certain type of person in show business?
I've definitely met some Ellises in my day! I think that's why there's such a strong reaction to the character, because no matter what business you're in — whether you're in theatre or anywhere — you know this person. We all know an Ellis who's overly ambitious, and really brownnosing the boss, and kind of slips up under your radar. I think that's why people are really responding in such a [strong] way, because we all know this person.

We know Ellis is ambitious, but why? What's his driving factor?
I think as the series goes on, you kind of get more definition about why he is so ambitious. He starts working for Tom and Julia at first, and he's working for people of this caliber, and he's very intrigued by this world he's working in. He's getting to see how these people are treated and how much money they're making — he sees all the facts, because he's the assistant, he sees all the numbers. I think he gets a taste of this world, he gets a taste of these lavish parties, and he wants it for himself because he's never had it before. That's very attractive for him. By all means necessary, he's going to pursue those things for himself.

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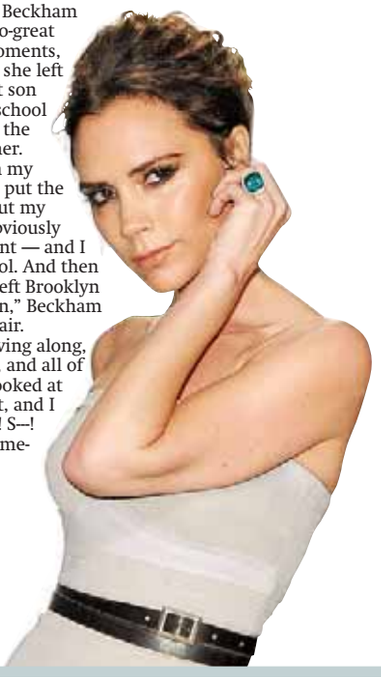

Even famous mother of four Victoria Beckham has her not-so-great parenting moments, like the time she left to take eldest son Brooklyn to school — but forgot the kid all together.

"I jump in my Range Rover, put the car seat in, put my iPod on — obviously very important — and I drive to school. And then I realize, I'd left Brooklyn in the kitchen," Beckham tells Vanity Fair.

"I was driving along, talking away, and all of a sudden, I looked at the front seat, and I was like, 'S—! S—! I've forgot something!"

Cowell: As humble as ever

Simon Cowell may not have wanted to keep Cheryl Cole on the U.S. edition of The X Factor, but he's more than happy to take credit for the success she's had in the U.K.

"Even though we went through that pretty horrible period, I could look Cheryl in the eye and say what I did for her in those two years propelled her into a different league," Cowell tells GQ magazine, admitting that while the debacle with the U.S. show may have created some distance between them, he'd still be open to working together again.

"She was hurt. It all ended pretty badly, to be honest," he says. "I always said to her the door is permanently open. It's entirely up to her what she wants to do."

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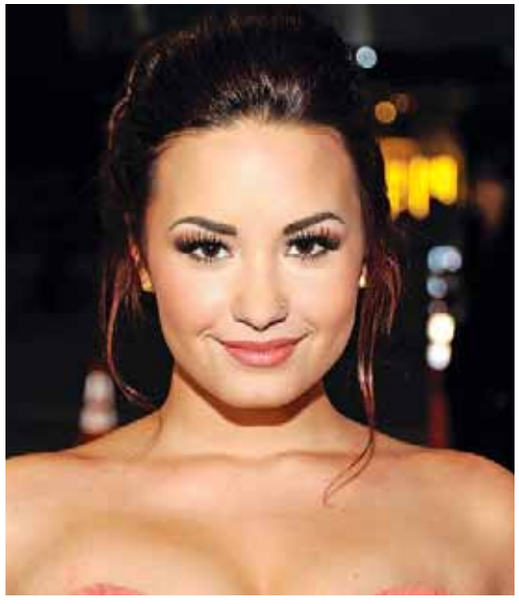

The Word

Demi and Miley vie for last X Factor seat

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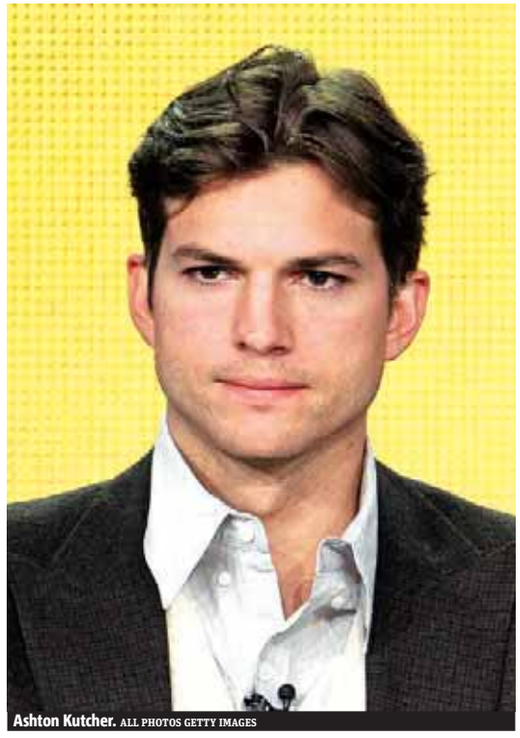
With Britney Spears reportedly set to fill one of the empty judges' panel seats on The X Factor, it's a starlet faceoff for the final slot since former judges Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger were kicked off the show after its first season.

And according to conflicting reports, it looks like it's down to two former Disney stars.

Celebuzz.com reports that executive Simon Cowell has been considering Miley Cyrus for the spot, while The Hollywood Reporter insists that Demi Lovato is close to a deal — and even in the "final negotiations" stage of securing the job. I know this sounds, well, crazy, but if these ladies are to decide who has authentic talent on a national television show, why not find someone who actually writes their own music and isn't auto-tuned within an inch of their life?



Ashton Kutcher. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kutcher brings in the big bucks

With a new deal reportedly in place, Ashton Kutcher will be returning for another season of Two and a Half Men, according to Deadline.

For next year's run — the popular sitcom's 10th season — Kutcher will reportedly bring in $700,000 per episode, with co-star John Cryer making slightly less than Kutcher and young Angus T. Jones earning $300,000 per episode. Each actor signed a one-year contract, sparking speculation that the 10th season could be the show's last.

Witherspoon flaunts her bump

While she hasn't yet made an official announcement about her pregnancy, Reese Witherspoon is doing little to hide the obvious.

The Oscar-winning actress was spotted out and about in her L.A. neighborhood this week in a thin, clingy purple dress, according to Radar Online. And this past weekend, Witherspoon and husband Jim Toth turned heads at the White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C., with her in a tight top that accentuated her growing bump.

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He's starting with the man in the mirror

Ladies, take a breather. The boys are learning how to shop

Don't be fooled by the old "my girlfriend bought me this" line.

Fashion insiders say men are taking a keen interest in how they dress — and that means developing their own shopping habits. The biggest difference in how they shop for clothes? Probably research — and purpose.

A Saturday at the shopping mall is not a highlight on most men's calendars, says Tyler Thoreson, head of Gilt Groupe's menswear editorial and creative divisions. Even when they're shopping online, they're not surfing many websites or coming back to them day after day, he says, but when they find something they like, they are passionate and potentially more loyal than women.

Call shopping "entertainment" and they're not buying it, but describing it as a "hobby" is something else, he says.

Men can "geek out" when it comes to the construction and even minutia of a garment. "I'm not just talking about a 'fashion guy.' For many men, your wardrobe is part of your program of discernment. They'll learn about it like a car or a wine or a watch," Thoreson says. "Guys can be busting each other's chops in one breath and talking about soft construction on the shoulder of a suit in the next. They love construction, specs. It's about what's under the hood."

Honey, did you pick that out yourself? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/PARKANDBOND.COM

You now see men dressing for the life they want to lead and image they want to project, agrees Eric Jennings, vice-president and fashion director of menswear for Saks Fifth Avenue. Shopping and, even worse, trying things on are necessary evils to get there.

They go to stores on a mission and like to get it accomplished, he says.

They'll come in knowing exactly what they want and will buy in multiples. But, he adds, the modern customer is buying a broader range of products and sees a value in being knowledgable about them.

Paul Grangaard, CEO of shoe brand Allen Edmonds, says when it comes to fashion, men are hunters and women are gatherers. Different methods, different mentalities, but both can end up with full closets, he says.

"Shopping is not a man's favourite when it's about waiting for women. It's not a leisure activity. Shopping for their own clothing isn't their favourite place, either, but there is a renaissance — it's small but steady — as men are interested in an upgrade," Jennings says. "Coming out of the recession, they know they have to take appearance more seriously. It can be that thing for a new job or a promotion."

And, he adds, if they're dressing well during the week, it's likely to become a habit on weekends.

"Men travel in herds, and when it's OK in your friendship group to care about how you look on the weekends, it spreads pretty quickly," observes Grangaard. "Since the recession of 2008, you're always networking. Men dress better for midweek coffees and lunches and on weekends because you never know who you'll run into where. You always want to look secure, stable and reliable."

It's hard to do that in beat-up jeans and running shoes.

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Speaking of swagger

"Guys can be busting each other's chops in one breath and talking about soft construction on the shoulder of a suit in the next. They love construction, specs. It's about what's under the hood."

Tyler Thoreson. Gilt Groupe

What's trending?

Tyler Thoreson says he looks around midtown Manhattan and quite literally sees a change.

- You see men — creative types and hipsters, not just bankers, he stresses — voluntarily wearing ties
- On Gilt's upscale Park & Bond website, for example, neckwear sales increased 33 per cent in 2011 over the previous year. "They're wearing ties because they want to, not because they have to."
- Other booming items are pocket squares, Converse sneakers, tie clips and rope bracelets.

Paul Smith: 'I'm like a cocktail'

Studio visit. The fashion designer has 14 lines, an in-house team of 180 people and a ton of collectibles

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

"I have so much going on all the time it can be hard to follow, but it's also fantastic," says Smith.

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"I said something really stupid the other day," Sir Paul Smith says as we sit in his London office. "When asked about it, I told someone that I'm not really a collector. But I have large quantities of the same thing. Then I realized, that is actually a collector," he says laughing, making the understatement of the year.

He's standing over an intimidating pile of autographed cycling jerseys given to him by famous racing champions (Smith is a long-time fan of the sport). That pile sits next to leaning towers of art and fashion books, numbering in the hundreds, which are in turn surrounded by walls of bookshelves filled with everything from biographies and novels to toys, cameras, soccer balls and works of photography. Limited edition bicycles and rare works of art round it all out.

"I think you can tell from this office that my head is full of curiosity," he says. "I'm happy to have something that costs 50 pence or something from a famous person. In the same way, all of my collections are different and fun. Paul Smith is like a cocktail of many ingredients that are very intriguing to people," he says, once again playing things down a bit.

His brand is more like a jumbo smoothie — his building houses a total of 180 employees who design 26 collections a year across his 14 lines. Those numbers would make the average person's eyes glaze over.

During our time together, Smith greets every person he comes across by name, with a personal anecdote to boot. But Smith seems to operate best as a multitasker. "It's great for business because there's something for everybody."

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Style file

No Mother's Day for model

Please, no flowers for Christy Turlington Burns this Mother's Day. No chocolates and no last-minute, convenience-store cards, either.

A handmade craft from her children would be OK, but mostly what she wants is to have a conversation about the important role that mothers — and grandmothers and great-grandmothers, too — play in families and in larger communities all over the world.

"I never was more appreciative of my own mom and all the other moms out there than when I became one myself," said Turlington Burns, a model, businesswoman and documentary filmmaker, whose children are now six and eight years old. Her No Mother's Day Mother's Day is a way to draw attention to maternal mortality, the cause at the heart of the Every Mother Counts advocacy campaign she founded in 2010. It's also a way to get back to the basics and, hopefully, cut through "all the noise" that now comes with a holiday that the National Retail Federation estimates will come with an $18.6 billion price tag in spending by Americans this year.

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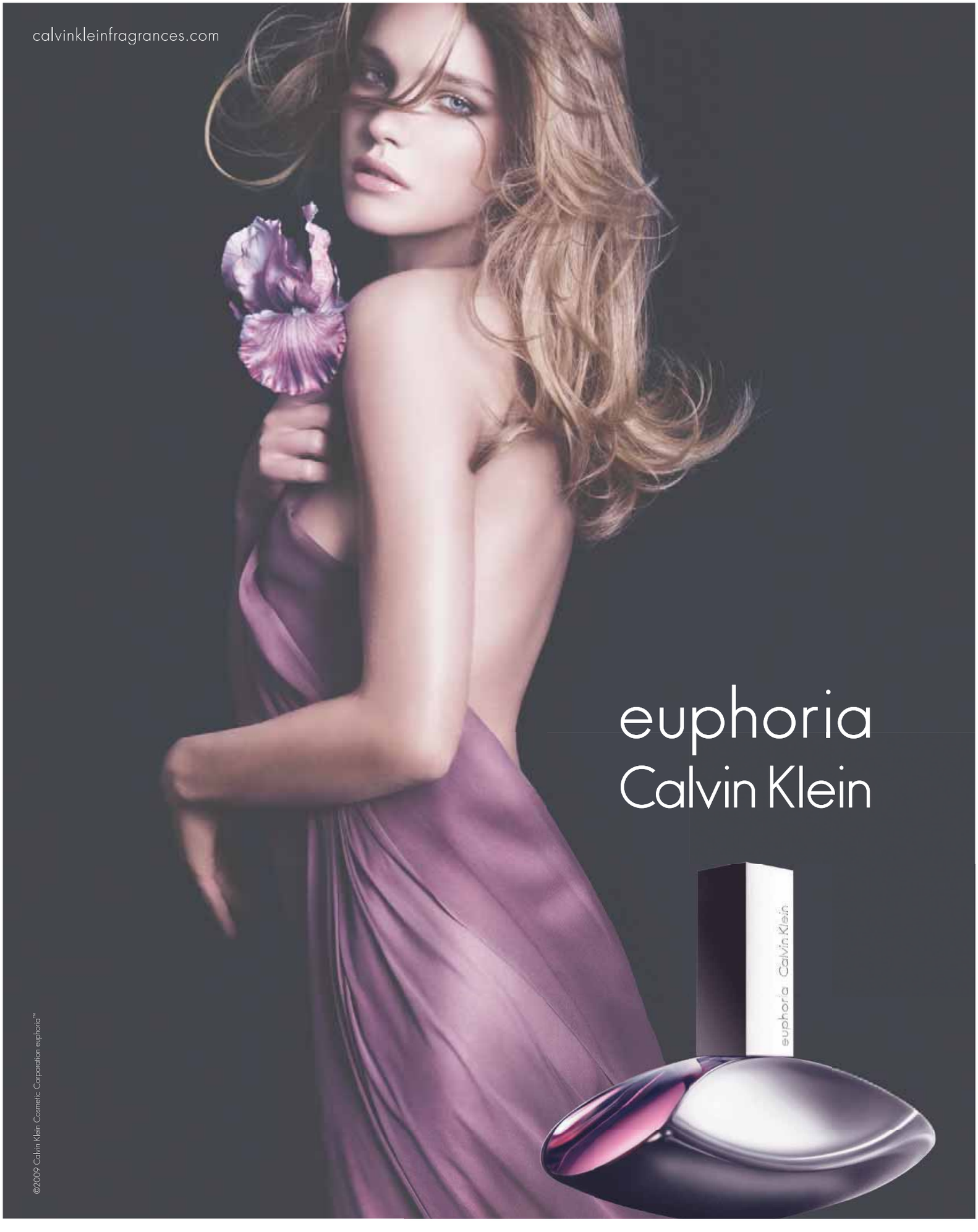
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Fashion editor finds. Check out what style connoisseurs have on the very top of must-buy lists this spring

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Eye Candy

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30-Something

"Nail polish is better than a trip to the therapist," quips Essie Weingarten, founder and creative director of Essie. It certainly has fueled a healthy business for the New Yorker who celebrates the brand's 30th anniversary in 2012 — that's 700 shades and counting. Our fave new hue? A pastel lilac called To Buy or Not To Buy, $10, essie.com.

Splash of summer

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I once gave my Mom a t-shirt: "After 40, it's Mainly Maintenance". I am 45 and believe this. You are what you eat & do :)

@rouquinne I'm ashamed to tell you that yes, I do fret about getting older and there are so many reasons; most of them probably stupid...

@Artistrecart
yes i have been fretting about getting older ever since i have been out of work. I keep my hair long to look younger.

@held123 no, I'm kind of looking forward to it.

@Jeanne_Beker: My hero Gus. Growing with leaps and beautiful bounds!

@Jeanne_Beker: Walking Gus makes me stop to smell the roses...errr... tulips! Dogs are good for the soul.

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Trend alert: The toe-cap pump

Pointy-toed pumps dipped in contrasting colours at the cap just might be spring's most seductive and unavoidable trend.

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

If we had to choose a starting point for pointy-toed pumps, we'd pick Marc Jacobs's spring Louis Vuitton collection, which was littered with pretty pastel heels made sexy with metallic, razor sharp toes (see the mule versions below).

The idea has since trickled down to just about everywhere, appearing on the sales floor in Topshop and on the feet of Kate Moss and Solange Knowles.

Asos
striped pumps
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Making waves

Beach fashion. Colours, prints, ruffles and lace highlight the trends for women's swimwear

STEPHANIE ORFORD
For Metro

If you thought women's fashion was exuberant this season — colours and prints! ruffles and lace! — then you should see this summer's swimwear.

Tracey Tomlinson, the Ontario sales rep for Roxy swimwear, outlined some of the top trends of the season for women.

Crochet
The fabric is a sexy twist on this season's obsession with retro, ladylike looks — and it's been selling like hotcakes, according to Tomlinson.

"Crochet has been phenomenal," she says, adding it can be worn many ways, from crochet details on the trim of a bikini to crochet all over. Yellow and black have been doing well, but white is the most-wanted colour by a long shot.

Mix and match
This makes it easier to find the right sizes separately for top and bottom, and mix colours and patterns, like neon with neutral or polka dots with stripes.

Body shapes
"A focus on new bodies" is on-trend right now, says Tomlinson. On the sexy side, Roxy has created a bustier bikini top for this season — a nod to lingerie. But at the same time it brought back the T-back bikini. It may look cute with gathered ruching and bead details, but it's ready for active pastimes like stand-up paddle boarding wherever, whenever, says Tomlinson.

Bandeau bikini tops also remain a strong trend. "I think girls just don't want the tan line," says Tomlinson.

Soft
When women shop, they tend to feel the fabric before they will commit to buying a garment, says Tomlinson.

"Girls tend to shop with their hands," she says.

Cute details
"That whole Coachella look," with handcrafted-looking details, is in style this season, says Tomlinson. Look for inserts made with crochet or lace, as well as fringe on the back of pants and on the bust, and extra-long ties with tassels.

Smocking
This puckered, gathered elastic fabric is winding up on busts, on hips, or all over garments because it fits snugly, but still allows lots of movement.

The one-piece
One-piece bathing suits are back with a vengeance, especially for juniors, says Tomlinson. These allow the wearer to cover up a little more than a bikini does, while still drawing attention where you want it.

"It's not like your mom's Speedo," Tomlinson confirms.

NATIVE SKY BANDEAU BIKINI TOP, $48, FAR LEFT, AVAILABLE AT ROXY (ROXY.COM), TOP, SAFFRON TANKINI TOP, $39.95, AND SIDE-TIE BIKINI BOTTOM, $29.95, AVAILABLE AT LA VIE EN ROSE AFTER JUNE 4 (LAVIEENROSE.COM), LEFT, LA BLANCA – SHINE ON, $142, AVAILABLE AT THE BAY (THEBAY.COM).

Summer sizzlers

Three trends not to be missed:

- The '50s pin-up girl
- Animal prints. Right, mixed zebra and flower print bandeau bikini top, $34.95, and side-tie bikini bottom, $29.95, available at La Vie En Rose (lavieenrose.com).

- Splash of colour — go orange!

Accessories. What you need at the beach

Accessories aren't just a nice to have at the beach. They are a requirement.

Here are some of the top beach accessory trends for men and women:

Floral towel
Colours and prints are the order of the day, and the beach is the perfect venue to rock a bright, patterned towel with your new neon swimsuit.

"Tropical flowers make you dream of Hawaii or a Caribbean island getaway even if you're lounging on your pool patio," says John Izzo, VP of design and product development at lingerie and swimwear retailer La Vie en Rose.

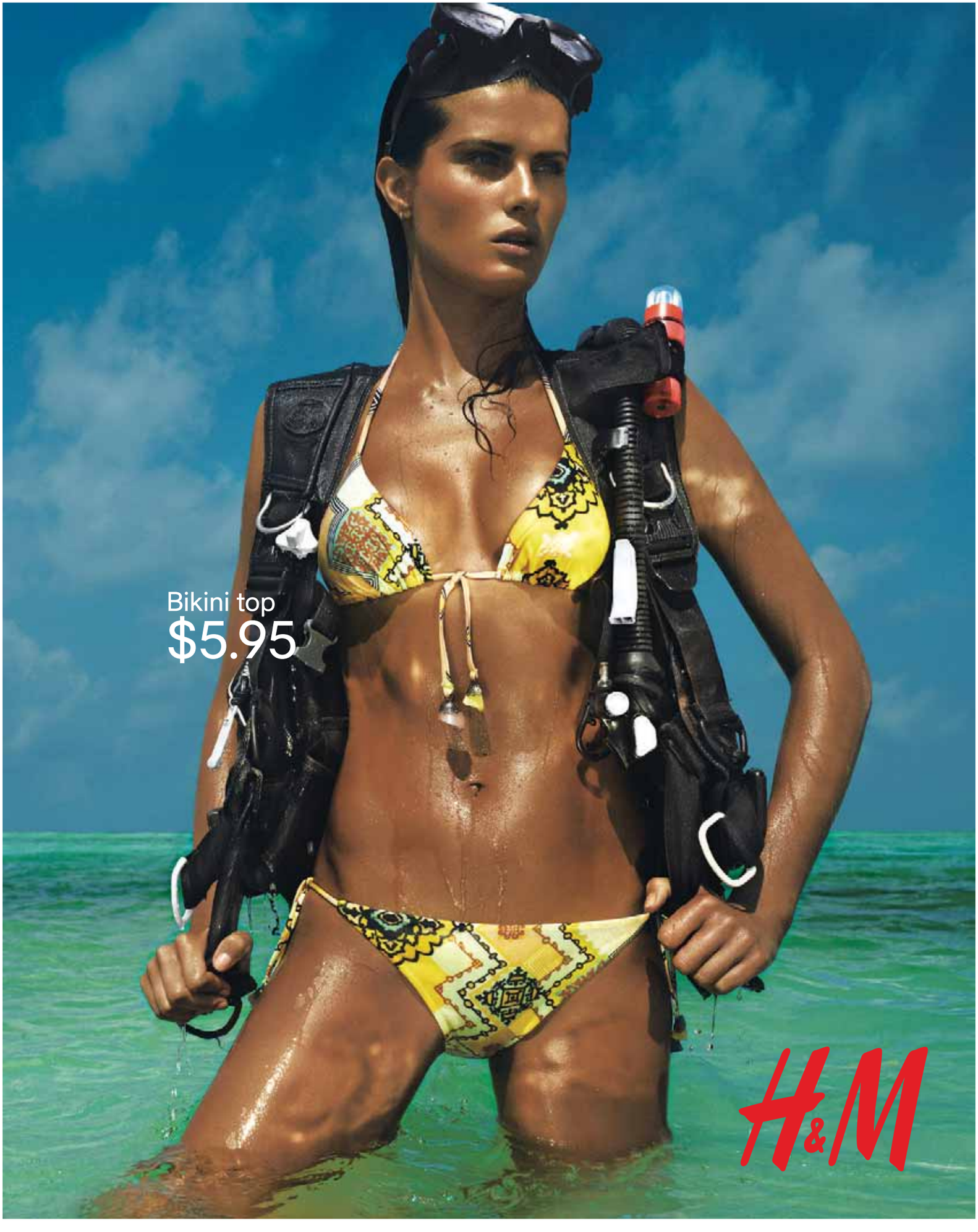
Canvas bag
At Roxy, it's all about mini and cross-body bags with beading, braiding, tassels, knotted details and charms. "That music festival look," says Tracey Tomlinson, the Ontario sales rep for Roxy swimwear.

For men and women, the canvas shoulder bag has made a big comeback over leather, as have mixed canvas and leather versions.

Straw hat
Like the topless straw bow hat from La Vie En Rose, for women, or the Pierside 2 Hat from Quiksilver, for men, a straw hat is a beach mainstay that protects and looks sophisticated at the same time.

This summer, Roxy will be offering a wide-brimmed straw hat that transforms the wearer into a "hybrid between a cowboy and a Cuban," says Tomlinson. STEPHANIE ORFORD

A BLUE AND FLOWER BEACH TOWEL, $19.95, AND A BOW HAT, $12.95, BOTH AVAILABLE AT LA VIE EN ROSE (LAVIEENROSE.COM).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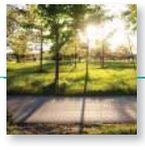

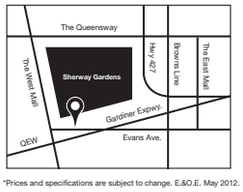

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Meet the condo

- **What:** Fabrik Condos
- **Builder:** Menkes Developments
- **Location:** 431 Richmond St. W. at Spadina
- **Website:** menkes.com
- **Phone:** 416-591-7700
- **Sizes:** From 424 to 1,388 sq. ft.
- **Pricing:** From the mid-$200,000s to $495,990

The project overview

Menkes has done it again with its latest 16-floor, mid-rise condo right in Toronto's downtown. Fabrik will have 169 suites featuring euro-style appliances, quartz countertops, and marble and porcelain finishes designed by Giannone Petricone. Occupancy is slated for 2015.

Building amenities

Featuring an event room with catering kitchen, bar, lounge seating, double-sided gas fireplace and walk-out to outdoor terrace, it also offers a fully-equipped gym, screening room, pet spa and guest suite. You'll enjoy spectacular city views from the sundeck.

In the neighbourhood

Centrally located near the bustling Queen and Spadina shopping district and the edge of Toronto's John Street cultural corridor, there's plenty to see and do in this community.

Location and transit

Fabrik is steps away from the Queen and King Street TTC streetcar lines and a few stops east of the University subway line. In the heart of downtown and close to Lakeshore Blvd. and the Gardiner Expressway.

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From the moment guests took their seats — and there were nearly 1,000 of them — at the 32nd annual BILD Awards, the night was off to an entertaining start.

A flash mob of singers and dancers rose from the seated crowd and got everyone on their feet to Lionel Ritchie's All Night Long, covered by the Dave Murphy Band.

That set the stage for the show, which garnered a record-setting 1,200 award submissions in 49 categories. This year's event was the biggest yet and the projects that won in each category have set the bar higher for creativity and innovation in the industry.

Geranium Homes was crowned 2012 BILD Home Builder of the Year for the first time in the company's history. Project of the Year awards went to Treasure Hill Developments for its townhouse development in Toronto's west end and Lindvest Properties for B.streets Condos at Bathurst and Bloor Streets.

I was proud to learn that my company, Empire Communities, won the Green Builder of the Year award in the low-rise category for the second consecutive year, and that Tridel would take home the trophy in the high-rise category for the fifth time in the past six years.

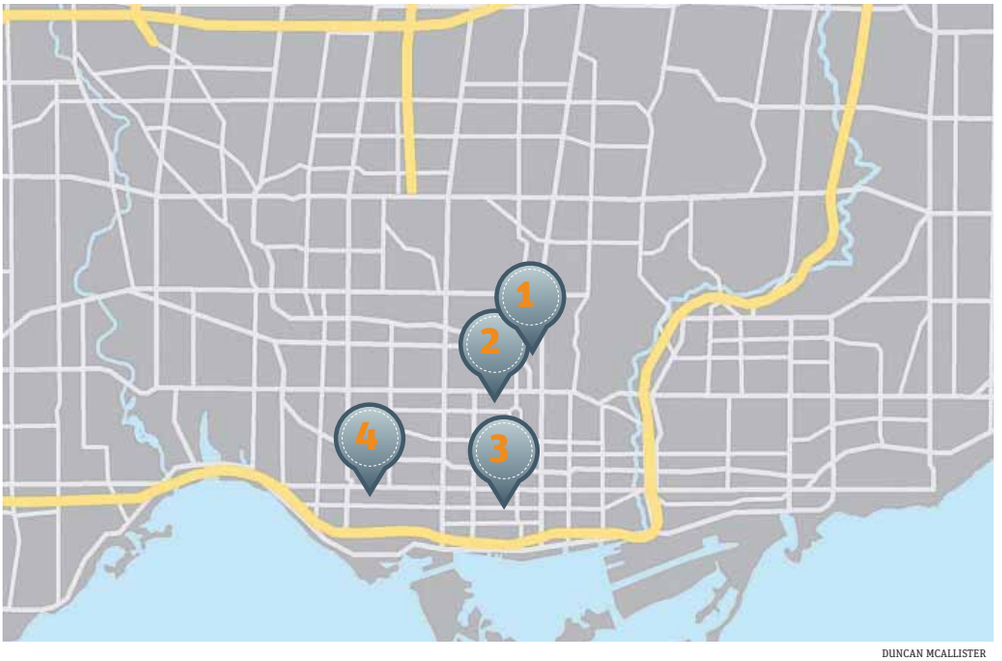
Celebrating a lifetime of achievements, Rudolph Bratty, chairman and CEO of Remington Group Inc., was honoured with the prestigious BILD Lifetime Achievement Award.

And for excellence in sales, marketing and leadership in the industry, Mira Tomljenovic of In2ition Marketing Insights was presented with The Riley Brethour Award.

Honouring the late Stephen Dupuis, the inaugural Stephen Dupuis Community Building Award was given to The Mikey Network, a charity founded in memory of the late Mike Salem by The Heron Group of Companies, which works to install defibrillators, called MIKEYs, in public venues so that victims of cardiac arrest have an increased chance of survival.

Congratulations to all of the BILD Award winners!

What's hot in condos this week:



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3. Festival Tower

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Gazing into the crystal ball with condo pro Urbanation

Condo living. Metro talks to Urbanation editor Ben Meyers about the future of Toronto's condo marketplace

DUNCAN MCALLISTER
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Urbanation is considered the authoritative source on the Toronto condominium market. Metro talks to editor and executive vice-president Ben Meyers. He and his team gaze deeply into the crystal ball about the future of Toronto's condo marketplace.

Where do you think interest rates are headed and what should owners be aware of?

"I did a survey of people in the industry and asked what were some of their concerns going into 2012 and interest rates wasn't high on their list."

Is the market in downtown Toronto still being driven mainly by investors?

"For sure, investors are snapping up a lot of the products, certainly along the subway lines. For a lot of investors, especially foreign investors, they look at Toronto as very much an emerging city, and a great place to store their dollars. And they see in 10 years this market being significantly higher even if there are some short-term fluctuations."

A lot of the condos are being bought by investors and they're renting them out. How does this affect the rental market?

"We've been warning that there weren't enough people out there to rent these units, but we just started tracking the condo rental market in a new report that we're calling Urban Rental and the market's still very tight; it's still very difficult to find a unit. The rents aren't going up as quickly as the new market is but it's still very tight."

Should the rental prices reflect the new condo prices?

"Certainly we like to see pricing in the new condominium market, the resale condominium market and the rental market moving at fairly close to the same base, but again there's different mixes of units trading within those buildings and the age of the buildings, so it's not always going to be 100 per cent."

How do you recognize if we're in a bubble and just what the heck is a bubble anyway?

"In the new condo market it's gone up eight per cent year over year, so we've seen that level of increase in 10 of the last 15 years. It's hard to say that yes, this is a bubble when the bubble hasn't burst in any of those 10 years. We just ran our resale numbers for the first course — this is fresh off the press — and it was only up about four per cent year over year, so it doesn't strike me as anything near a bubble.

How do we compare to the U.S. in that respect? People are worried that their properties may go under. Would that ever happen here?

"I'm not going to say it never will. Most real estate cycles are seven to 10 years and we're in 15 consecutive years of a strong market. The difference between the United States and us is the prudent banking system. They allowed sub-prime mortgages, they gave mortgages to people who could not afford them and that caused prices to be inflated, inflated, inflated in a lot of markets.

Ben's advice to readers? "Buy something that you can see yourself living in for five years."

Urbanation editor and executive vice-president Ben Meyers. HANDOUT

Doggie woes

Condos and large dogs don't mix

LEGAL MATTERS
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Q: I purchased a condo a little over a year ago and enjoy aspects of communal living. I decided a few months ago to purchase a dog and found a fully-grown dog that was trained and needed a good home. I have recently been contacted by the condo manager by phone indicating that my dog exceeds the limit of weight for dogs as set out in the condo rules and regulations. The limit is 25 lbs and my dog, which is a Labrador retriever, probably weighs double the limit. I was not aware of this restriction and am now prepared for a battle over this. What would you suggest?

A: The old saying applies to your situation: ignorance of the law does not provide a defence.

Before you decided to get a dog, you should have done your research and found out if there were any pet restrictions in your building.

Quite a number of condos have weight restrictions because large dogs can be intimidating to people who are not comfortable around dogs.

The very nature of communal living that you like so much dictates the rules that need to be instituted for the overall good of all residents.

You could approach the board of directors to see if you could get an exception, but I wouldn't expect too much from them as the board members are bound by the same rules and regulations that guide you.

Unfortunately, it might be time to search for another good home for your beloved pet.

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Fixes for your flat-screen TV

Decorative interest.
If you're not mounting your TV on the wall, here's what to do with that empty space

DESIGN CENTRE
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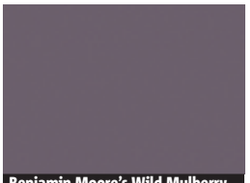
Q: We love our apartment's Art Deco decor but the wall space around the television looks too bland. I don't want to hang the television, so what can I do to add some decorative interest?
Beatrice Sloane

A: This is a common problem when people choose to sit their flat-screen TV on a credenza rather than mounting it on the wall — they are left with a lot of space above the television and don't know how to treat it.



Benjamin Moore's Wild Mulberry. BENJAMINMOORE.CA

As this is the focal wall in your living area, I suggest treating the walls with something that will add drama and style to the overall room without drawing too much attention to the space above the TV.

Paint the corner pillar a deep colour to allow it to be an architectural element in the room. I suggest Benjamin Moore's Wild Mulberry, a darker, more neutral version of the accent colour that you have in your pillows and rug.

You might want to carry this colour onto another focal wall area like the end of a hallway or in the bedroom. This will help create a constant colour flow throughout the apartment.

Use wallpaper behind the television to add much-needed pattern and texture to the room. I love the Art Deco feel of Graham & Brown's Illusion wallpaper ($60/roll), which highlights the square edges you have in your furniture. The good thing about wallpaper these days is that it's easily removed (simply peel) when you move out or change your colour scheme.

Hang something sculptural to help fill the empty space above the television, but not an attention-grabber like a large wall clock or painting.

The Starburst mirror from Crate and Barrel ($247) has great Art Deco elements that will add a sculptural quality to the space. Hang it in the centre of the empty wall space, not directly above the television.

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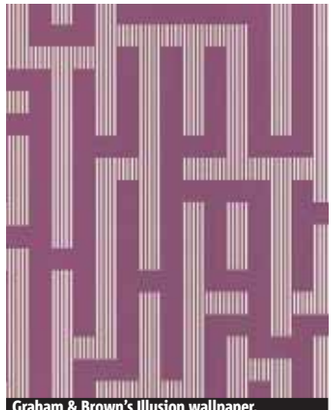
This living room needs decorative interest on the empty wall behind the television. HANDOUT



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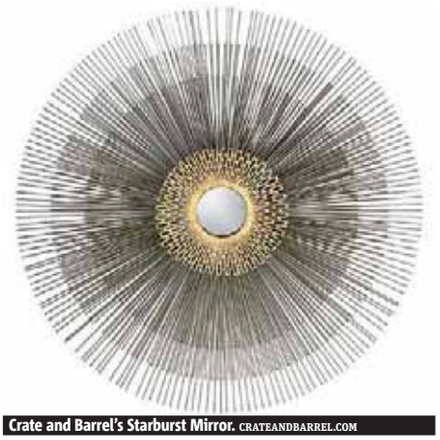

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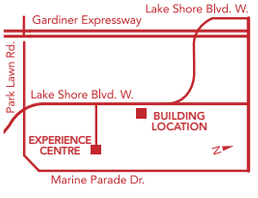

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BIDDINGTON Monarch

Leave the meat option in the freezer and go veggie instead

Did you know that a head of cauliflower can be sliced into two thick "steaks" that hold up well on the grill? They can be seasoned as you see fit, and topped with whatever you like. In this recipe, the seasonings are simple, then topped with lightly poached eggs and truffle oil, creating a delicious sauce.

1. Heat a grill to medium. Bring a large saucepan of water to a low simmer.

2. Use a paring knife to trim away the leaves and any stem at the base of the cauliflower, but do not cut out the core. Stand the head of cauliflower upright on its base. Use a large bread or other serrated knife to trim away 1/2 inch on either side of the head. Reserve these pieces for another use.

3. Leaving the head standing upright, use the knife to slice the cauliflower in half down the centre to create 2 even halves. Sprinkle both sides of each half with olive oil, then with salt, pepper, a bit of the garlic powder and a little lemon juice.

4. Carefully set the "steaks" on the grill, cover and cook for 8 minutes.

5. Use spatula to carefully flip cauliflower and grill for 8 minutes, or until both sides are lightly browned and tender. Transfer to serving plates, then cover with foil to keep warm.

6. Once the cauliflower is done, add the vinegar to the simmering water.

7. Crack 1 egg into a small glass, then gently and slowly pour it into the simmering water by bringing the lip of the glass right down to the surface of the water so the egg slides in. Cook for 4 minutes, then use a slotted spoon to lift out the egg (letting excess water drip away), setting it one of the cauliflower steaks. Repeat with the remaining egg.

8. Season the eggs with salt and pepper, then drizzle with truffle oil. Serve immediately.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grilled Cauliflower Steaks with Poached Eggs and Truffle Oil

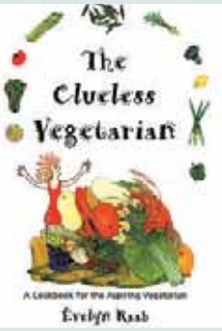
This recipe serves two. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 large head cauliflower
- Olive oil
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 tablespoon white or cider vinegar
- 2 eggs
- Truffle oil (or truffle-flavoured olive oil)

Cookbook of the Week

The Clueless Vegetarian



The Clueless Vegetarian by Evelyn Raab is designed for those who love good food, cooked from scratch, but also have to have a life

If you've just switched to a vegetarian diet, the book's straightforward nutritional info will help you in making good food choices. If you've been practicing for a while, you'll discover new recipes and methods.

Among the eats included are: Creamy Carrot Soup, Roasted Tomato Fettucine, Potato Latkas, Spanakopita and more.

METRO

The unusual contrast of Eggplant Parmesan

This recipe serves four to five. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

The walnut crumbs are a contrast to the soft, moist eggplant and gooey cheese rounds. Simple to prepare, it's hard to stop at just one serving.

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F).

2. In bowl, combine bread crumbs, Parmesan and walnuts. Season with salt, pepper.

3. Place eggs in another bowl and season with salt and pepper. Repeat for flour.

4. Slice eggplant crosswise into 8 to 10 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick rounds. Dip each slice into flour, followed by egg and last into walnut mix. Press firmly to achieve an even breading.

5. Lay eggplant slices onto a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake on the centre oven rack for 15 minutes.

6. Sauce: In saucepan, place passata, tomatoes, basil leaves, garlic and olive oil and gently simmer over low heat.

7. Spoon desired amount of sauce over each eggplant slice and top with fresh mozzarella.

8. Return eggplant to oven for 5 to 7 minutes until mozzarella has melted. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CALIFORNIA WALNUTS, WALNUTINFO.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.

Ingredients

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Italian bread crumbs
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Parmesan cheese, grated
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) walnut crumbs
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) all-purpose flour
- 1 large eggplant
- 125 g (4 oz) fresh mozzarella

Sauce

- 500 ml (2 cups) passata (tomato puree)
- 2 Roma tomatoes, diced
- Handful basil leaves, cut in chiffonade (long, thin strips)
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- Fresh basil, for garnish

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4 SPORTS

Canadian Championship

TFC settle for draw

Struggling Toronto FC settled for a 0-0 away draw against the Montreal Impact on Wednesday night in the opening game of their Amway Canadian Championship semifinal. Toronto, the reigning Canadian champions, hardly threatened offensively throughout the 90 minutes before a crowd of 13,405 at Olympic Stadium.

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NHL playoffs

Capitals look to take advantage in D.C.

The Washington Capitals looked to turn momentum from a series-tying win in New York on Monday into a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven with the Rangers on Wednesday night. For game results, go to metronews.ca/sports.

Shuffled Jays lineup routs the Rangers

MLB. Toronto takes two of three games from potent Texas

Wednesday's game

Blue Jays	Rangers
11	5

Edwin Encarnacion, right, celebrates his three run homer with teammates Jose Bautista and Yunel Escobar during the sixth inning in Toronto on Wednesday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

With the top of the order off to a mediocre start, Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell made several lineup changes for Wednesday's series finale against the Texas Rangers.

The moves paid immediate dividends as the club turned in one of its best offensive efforts of the season.

Kelly Johnson and Edwin Encarnacion homered and ace Ricky Romero earned his fourth win as the Blue Jays defeated the Rangers 11-5.

Farrell moved Johnson into the leadoff role and Yunel Escobar down to the No. 2 spot. Adam Lind got the day off so Encarnacion batted in the cleanup spot.

The Blue Jays responded with an 11-hit attack and took advantage of their opportunities against one of the top teams in the major leagues.

"I don't want to say it was just a pure shakeup of the lineup," Farrell said. "But I think sometimes you put a guy in a different slot and all of a sudden they have a different view and maybe a fresh start and it worked out today."

Johnson hit a two-run shot in the third inning and Encarnacion added insurance with a three-run blast in the sixth. Escobar chipped in with a three-run triple for the Blue Jays (14-11). Romero (4-0) allowed six hits and five earned runs over eight innings. Reliever Joel Carreno, who was recalled from triple-A Las Vegas earlier in the day, had two strikeouts in a 1-2-3 ninth inning.

Both Johnson and Escobar have handled leadoff duties in their careers. Farrell wouldn't commit to locking them in at those spots but did say it's something the team may look to go with "for a little bit."

Johnson was asked if the switch to the No. 1 spot made any difference to him.

"Eleven runs difference today, so I guess we'll stick with it," he said with a smile.

Texas scored four runs in the fifth inning, but Encarnacion put the game out of reach with his team-leading ninth homer of the season.

It was the Blue Jays' second straight home series victory as the club improved its record at the Rogers Centre to 8-7.

Texas cut into Toronto's lead in the fifth after Romero walked the bases loaded. Andrus knocked in two runs when centre-fielder Colby Rasmus misjudged the line drive and had it sail over his head all the way to the wall.

"You try not to panic in those situations," Romero said. "When things are going a little sideways, you've just got to slow it down. You've just got to realize that one, you're winning the game and two, you have a defence behind you that's going to make plays.

"That's what I was able to do. I came out after that and I was aggressive."

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Quoted

"Any time you play these teams that are really good, there's a different vibe and a different feel. When you beat them and you beat them in a series, it gives you a big boost. It gives you a high."

Blue Jays second baseman Kelly Johnson

NFL

Junior Seau found shot dead

Former NFL star Junior Seau was found shot to death at his home in Oceanside Calif., Wednesday morning in what police said appeared to be a suicide. He was 43.

Police Chief Frank McCoy said Seau's girlfriend reported finding him unconscious with a gunshot wound to the chest and lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful.

A gun was found near him, McCoy said. Police said no suicide note was found.

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Clemens retrial

Key testimony may be tossed out

After stumbling its way to a mistrial of Roger Clemens last year, the government is struggling again in the retrial of the seven-time Cy Young Award winner — to the point that the crux of Andy Pettitte's testimony might be tossed out.

First, the exasperated judge criticized the questioning of Pettitte on Wednesday, then he ruled against prosecutors in another matter. Finally he cried out: "You're taking positions that are totally absurd to me."

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NHL

Canadiens name Bergevin new GM

The Montreal Canadiens believe they have found the man who can lead them back up the standings, saying new GM Marc Bergevin is the total package.

Bergevin succeeds Pierre Gauthier, who was fired in March.

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NFL. Gavel drops on Saints players for bounty scheme

New Orleans Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma was suspended without pay for the entire 2012 season by the NFL, one of four players punished Wednesday for participating in the team's cash-for-hits bounty system.

Defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove, now with Green Bay, was suspended for the first half of the 16-game season; Saints defensive end Will Smith was barred four games; and linebacker Scott Fujita, now with Cleveland, will miss three games. All were suspended without pay.

The four players have three days to appeal NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's ruling. NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith said the union would fight the penalties. Fujita is a member of the NFLPA's executive committee.

The NFL's statement said Vilma, Hargrove, Smith and Fujita were suspended due to "conduct detrimental to the NFL as a result of their leadership roles" with the bounties.

Originally, the league said that 22 to 27 defensive players were involved in the illegal scheme, which was orchestrated by then-Saints defensive co-ordinator Gregg Williams.

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Jonathan Vilma GETTY IMAGES

Saints in purgatory

An NFL investigation determined that the Saints ran a bounty system from 2009-11 that offered thousands of dollars for big hits that knocked opponents out of games.

- In March, Goodell suspended Saints coach Sean Payton for all of next season and levied other penalties against the club.

Spurs gallop over Jazz

Boris Diaw takes a shot against Paul Millsap Tuesday in San Antonio. Tony Parker scored 18 points and the San Antonio Spurs handed Utah its second-worst playoff loss in franchise history, beating the Jazz 114-83 on Wednesday to take a 2-0 lead in the first-round series. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

NHL. Devils put pitchfork in Flyers' road to Round 3

After Philadelphia rolled over Pittsburgh in Round 1 of the playoffs, there was a perception the Flyers would be the team to beat in the Eastern Conference.

Deep. Driven. Determined. You name it.

Getting by New Jersey in the second round seemingly was a given, especially after the No. 6 seed Devils needed seven games to knock off Florida.

Well, it's time to revise that perception. Because, with Game 3 on tap Thursday in New Jersey, this series is tied, 1-1.

The Devils not only showed they could play with the Flyers in splitting the first two games in Philadelphia; they could easily be leading 2-0 in the series. They lost Game 1 4-3 in overtime and dominated in a 4-1, Game 2 win Tuesday without leading scorer Ilya Kovalchuk.

"I think there is a pressure with being a favourite in a series," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Wednesday. "We felt that in the Florida series, and I don't think there is any doubt that it is on Philadelphia. That is something that isn't easy to deal with, when you are supposed to win and, not only win, but win convincingly."

The Devils clearly outworked the Flyers in Game 2. They outshot Philadelphia 35-20 and only Ilya Bryzgalov's stellar goaltending allowed the home team to hold a 1-0 lead after two periods.

But New Jersey blew the game open with four consecutive goals in the third. In doing so, the Devils took home-ice advantage — and confidence —back to New Jersey.

A veteran of three Stanley Cup championship teams, Devils goaltender Martin Brodeur said not to make too much of the changing perceptions. That's playoff hockey, after all. And it's best to ignore it.

"You can't get overwhelmed by one win," the 39-year-old Brodeur said after the Devils held a team meeting.

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Quoted

"It is all about the will and desperation. We have to get that back."

Danny Briere, Flyers forward

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	17	8	.680	—
Baltimore	16	9	.640	1
Toronto	14	11	.560	3
New York	13	11	.542	3½
Boston	11	12	.478	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	11	10	.524	—
Chicago	12	11	.522	—
Detroit	12	12	.500	½
Kansas City	7	16	.304	5
Minnesota	6	17	.261	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	8	.680	—
Oakland	12	13	.480	5
Seattle	11	15	.423	6½
Los Angeles	9	15	.375	7½

Yesterday's results
Toronto 11 Texas 5
Baltimore 5 N.Y. Yankees 0
Kansas City 3 Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 5 Seattle 4
Oakland at Boston
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox
Minnesota at L.A. Angels
Tuesday's results
Toronto 8 Texas 7
Baltimore 7 N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago White Sox 7 Cleveland 2
Detroit 9 Kansas City 3
L.A. Angels 4 Minnesota 0
Oakland 5 Boston 3
Tampa Bay 3 Seattle 1
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Seattle (Millwood 0-2) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 1-3), 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Masterson 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 2-3), 8:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 0-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Morrow 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Haren 1-1), 10:05 p.m.

BLUE JAYS 11, RANGERS 5

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	4	1	0	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	2	1	2
Andrus dh	4	1	2	2	YEscor ss	5	2	3	3
MYong 3b	4	0	2	1	Bautist rf	3	1	0	1
Napoli 1b	3	0	0	1	Encrnc 1b	4	1	1	3
N.Cruz rf	4	0	0	0	BFrncs dh	3	1	2	0
Torreal c	4	0	0	0	Lawrie 3b	4	0	0	0
AlGnzlz ss	4	0	0	0	Thams lf	3	1	1	0
BSnydr lf	2	2	1	1	Arencii c	4	1	2	2
DvMrp ph	1	0	0	0	RDavis cf	2	2	1	0
Gentry cf	2	1	1	0	Rasms cf	2	0	0	0
Morlnd ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**33**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**Totals**	**34**	**11**	**11**	**11**

Texas	010	040	000 — 5
Toronto	002	603	00x — 11

E—K.Johnson (5). LOB—Texas 5, Toronto 4. 2B—Andrus (5), Y.Escobar (4), Thames (4), Arencibia (4). 3B—Y.Escobar (1). HR—B.Snyder (1), K.Johnson (6), Encarnacion (9). SF—Napoli, Bautista.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
M.Harrison L,3-2	3 1-3	8	8	8	2	3
Feldman	2 2-3	3	3	3	2	2
M.Lowe	1	0	0	0	0	0
Uehara	1	0	0	0	0	2
Toronto						
R.Romero W,4-0	8	6	5	5	3	6
Carreno	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP—M.Harrison. PB—Arencibia.
Umpires—Home, Andy Fletcher; First, Rob Drake; Second, Joe West; Third, Sam Holbrook.
T—2:45. A—25,123 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	15	9	.625	—
Atlanta	14	10	.583	1
New York	13	12	.520	2½
Philadelphia	12	12	.500	3
Miami	9	14	.391	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	15	8	.652	—
Cincinnati	11	12	.478	4
Houston	11	14	.440	5
Milwaukee	11	14	.440	5
Pittsburgh	10	13	.435	5
Chicago	9	15	.375	6½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	8	.680	—
San Francisco	12	11	.522	4
Arizona	13	12	.520	4
Colorado	12	12	.500	4½
San Diego	9	17	.346	8½

Yesterday's results
Chicago Cubs 3 Cincinnati 1
Colorado 8 L.A. Dodgers 5
Houston 8 N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 5 Milwaukee 0
Washington 5 Arizona 4
Philadelphia at Atlanta
Pittsburgh at St. Louis
Miami at San Francisco
Tuesday's results
Arizona 5 Washington 1
Houston 6 N.Y. Mets 3
L.A. Dodgers 7 Colorado 6
Miami 2 San Francisco 1
Philadelphia 4 Atlanta 2
San Diego 2 Milwaukee 0
St. Louis 10 Pittsburgh 7
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati (ppd., rain)
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia (Blanton 2-3) at Atlanta (Delgado 2-2), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-1) at Cincinnati (Bailey 1-2), 12:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Bedard 1-4) at St. Louis (Westbrook 3-1), 1:45 p.m.
Miami (A.Sanchez 1-0) at San Francisco (Vogelsong 0-1), 3:45 p.m.
Arizona (I.Kennedy 3-0) at Washington (Detwiler 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP BMW OPEN

At Munich
Singles — Second Round
Marcos Baghdatis (8), Cyprus, def. Dustin Brown, Germany, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Marin Cilic (3), Croatia, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (1), France, 6-1, 6-4.
Mikhail Youzhny (6), Russia, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-4.

WTA BUDAPEST GRAND PRIX

At Budapest, Hungary
Singles — Second Round
Sara Errani (1), Italy, def. Melinda Czink, Hungary, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1.
Marina Erakovic (5), New Zealand, def. Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, 6-0, retired.
Petra Martic (6), Croatia, def. Su-Wei Hsieh, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-1.
Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., def. Alexandra Cadantu, Romania, 6-7 (2), 6-0, 6-0.
Alberta Brianti, Italy, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
N.Y. Rangers at Washington
Saturday's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
x-N.Y. Rangers at Washington, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
PHILADELPHIA (5) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
New Jersey 4 Philadelphia 1
Tonight's game
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA
Thursday, May 10
x-Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-New Jersey at Philadelphia, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 2-0)
Monday's result
Los Angeles 5 St. Louis 2
Tonight's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA
Thursday, May 10
x-St. Louis at Los Angeles, TBA
Saturday, May 12
x-Los Angeles at St. Louis, TBA
PHOENIX (3) VS. NASHVILLE (4)
(Phoenix leads series 2-0)
Last night's result
Phoenix at Nashville
Tomorrow's game
Phoenix at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
x-Nashville at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
x — played only if necessary.

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION SEMIFINALS

EAST DIVISION
Tomorrow's game
All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.

WEST DIVISION
Saturday's game
Minnesota at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9 p.m.

DIVISION FINALS

EAST
Philadelphia-Rochester winner vs. Buffalo-Toronto winner, Sites and times TBD

WEST
Minnesota-Colorado winner vs. Edmonton-Calgary winner, Sites and times TBD

LATE TUESDAY

DEVILS 4, FLYERS 1

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Read 3 (Schenn, Simmonds) 2:53
Penalties — van Riemsdyk Pha (slashing) 4:22, Timonen Pha (hooking) 9:26, Gionta NJ (slashing) 14:18, Salvador NJ (interference) 20:00.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Briere Pha (holding) 12:49, Henrique NJ (slashing) 18:44.
Third Period
2. New Jersey, Larsson 1 (Zubrus, Harrold) 3:08
3. New Jersey, Clarkson 1 (Parise) 11:17
4. New Jersey, Zajac 5 (Gionta, Zubrus) 14:01
5. New Jersey, Salvador 1 (Henrique) 17:09 (en,sh)
Penalties — Zidlicky NJ (elbowing) 1:39, Hartnell Pha (holding stick) 1:52, Zubrus NJ (interference) 15:35, Clarkson NJ, Lilja Pha (roughing), Talbot Pha (misconduct) 19:44, Simmonds Pha (roughing, misconduct) 20:00.
Shots on goal by

New Jersey	13	12	10	— 35
Philadelphia	9	2	9	— 20

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,5-3); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (L,5-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 0-4; Phil: 0-5.
Attendance — 20,131 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	7	8	15
Briere, Pha	7	3	10
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
D.Brown, LA	4	5	9
Voracek, Pha	2	7	9
Vermette, Phx	5	3	8
Zajac, NJ	5	3	8
B.Richards, NYR	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8

Not including last night's games

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

Canadian roster for the IIHF men's world championship which begins tomorrow through May 20 in Helsinki and Stockholm (with position, name, hometown and NHL club; x-withdrew due to injury):
Goaltenders
Devan Dubnyk, Calgary, Edmonton; Matt Hackett, London, Ont., Minnesota; Cam Ward, Sherwood Park, Alta., Carolina.
Defencemen
Jay Bouwmeester, Edmonton, Calgary; Duncan Keith, Penticton, B.C., Chicago; Marc Methot, Ottawa, Columbus; Dion Phaneuf, Edmonton, Toronto; Luke Schenn, Saskatoon, Toronto; x-PK Subban, Toronto, Montreal; Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Beaconsfield, Que., San Jose.
Forwards
Jamie Benn, Victoria, Dallas; Alexandre Burrows, Pincourt, Que., Vancouver; Jordan Eberle, Regina, Edmonton; Ryan Getzlaf, Regina, Anaheim; Evander Kane, Vancouver, Winnipeg; Andrew Ladd, Maple Ridge, B.C., Winnipeg; Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Burnaby, B.C., Edmonton; Ryan O'Reilly, Clinton, Ont., Colorado; Corey Perry, Peterborough, Ont., Anaheim; Teddy Purcell, St. John's, N.L., Tampa Bay.
Patrick Sharp, Thunder Bay, Ont., Chicago; Jeff Skinner, Markham, Ont., Carolina; John Tavares, Oakville, Ont., N.Y. Islanders.
Head Coach — Brent Sutter, Viking, Alta.
Assistant Coaches — Guy Boucher, West Island, Que.; Kirk Muller, Carolina.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7)
All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
CHICAGO (1) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
Philadelphia 109 Chicago 92
Tomorrow's game
Chicago at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Philadelphia at Chicago, TBA
MIAMI (2) VS. NEW YORK (7)
(Miami leads series 2-0)
Monday's result
Miami 104 New York 94
Tonight's game
Miami at New York, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at New York, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 9
x-New York at Miami, TBA
INDIANA (3) VS. ORLANDO (6)
(Indiana leads series 2-1)
Last night's result
Indiana 97 Orlando 74
Saturday's game
Indiana at Orlando, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Orlando at Indiana, TBA
BOSTON (4) VS. ATLANTA (5)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
Boston 87 Atlanta 80
Tomorrow's game
Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 8
Boston at Atlanta, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. UTAH (8)
(San Antonio leads series 2-0)
Last night's result
San Antonio 114 Utah 83
Saturday's game
San Antonio at Utah, 10 p.m.
Monday, May 7
San Antonio at Utah, TBA
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. DALLAS (7)
(Oklahoma City leads series 1-0)
Monday's result
Oklahoma City 102 Dallas 99
Tonight's game
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. LAKERS (3) VS. DENVER (6)
(L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0)
Tuesday's result
L.A. Lakers 104 Denver 100
Tomorrow's game
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
MEMPHIS (4) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(L.A. Clippers lead series 1-0)
Last night's result
L.A. Clippers at Memphis
Saturday's game
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 4:30 p.m.
Monday, May 7
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, TBA
x — played only if necessary.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	8	7	1	0	12	3	21
D.C.	9	4	2	3	15	10	15
New York	8	4	3	1	18	14	13
New England	8	3	5	0	7	10	9
Chicago	6	2	2	2	7	8	8
Houston	6	2	2	2	7	8	8
Montreal	9	2	5	2	9	15	8
Columbus	7	2	4	1	6	10	7
Philadelphia	7	2	4	1	5	8	7
Toronto	7	0	7	0	6	16	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	8	6	1	1	15	6	19
Salt Lake	10	6	3	1	16	11	19
Vancouver	8	4	2	2	7	6	14
Seattle	6	4	1	1	8	3	13
Dallas	9	3	3	3	10	12	13
Colorado	9	4	5	0	13	12	12
Los Angeles	7	3	3	1	11	11	10
Chivas USA	8	3	5	0	4	9	9
Portland	8	2	5	1	9	13	7

Last night's results
New England 2 Colorado 1
Los Angeles at Seattle
D.C. at San Jose
Tomorrow's game
Chicago at Chivas USA, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
D.C. at Toronto, 1:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 1:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 4 p.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 5 p.m.
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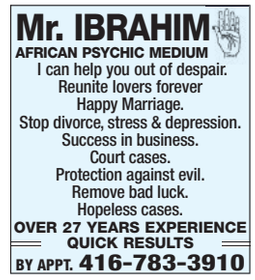

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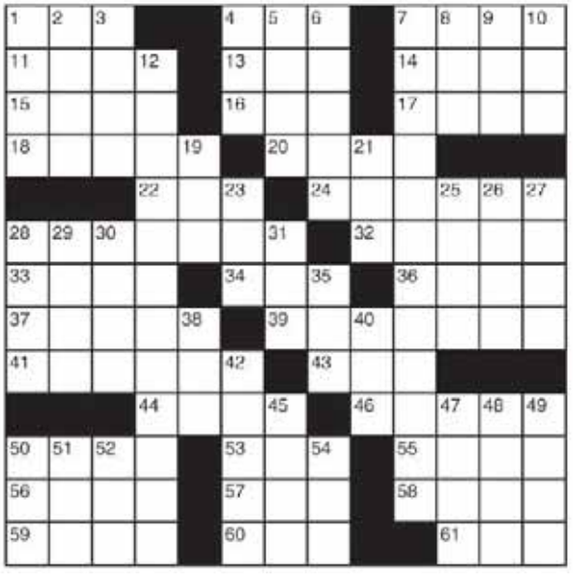
Crossword

Across

1 Kettle and Bell
4 Tummy muscles
7 Connect
11 "Yeah, right"
13 Famed vaudeville family name
14 "Do — others ..."
15 Burn somewhat
16 Can material
17 Birds' home
18 Necklace carving
20 Earring site
22 Chips accessory
24 Sweet tasting
28 Red
32 A portrayer of 007
33 California town
34 Manhandle
36 Gear teeth
37 Play out
39 Vegas winnings
41 Skin-related
43 Homer's interjection
44 Culture medium
46 Refuge
50 State with conviction
53 Gratuity
55 Start over
56 Platter
57 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
58 Adolescent
59 "You do the —"
60 Do some tailoring
61 Tatter

Down

1 Not fem.
2 On the briny
3 Thailand, once
4 Sternward
5 Seethe
6 Religious council
7 "Lassie" actress
8 Indivisible
9 With 10-Down, "— Unusual"
10 See 9-Down
12 "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" Oscar winner
19 Tin Man's need
21 Vagrant
23 Energy
25 Hen pen
26 Therefore
27 Examination
28 Coaster
29 Traffic pylon
30 Hebrew month
31 — Mahal
35 Bankroll
38 Playground game
40 Dove's comment
42 Gate fastener
45 Mature
47 Prognosticator
48 Notion
49 Composer's creation
50 Navy bigwig (Abbr.)
51 By way of
52 Superlative ending
54 Singer Tillis



Sudoku

1		4		2	5			9
	6		4					2
	2		6				4	
2							9	
		9	5		2	4		
	3							1
	7				9		2	
5					1		7	
8			7	3		6		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	9	1	4	8	6	2	3	7
7	2	8	5	1	3	6	4	9
3	6	4	7	9	2	5	8	1
9	1	3	2	5	7	8	6	4
6	4	7	1	3	8	9	2	5
8	5	2	9	6	4	1	7	3
2	3	9	8	4	5	7	1	6
1	7	6	3	2	9	4	5	8
4	8	5	6	7	1	3	9	2

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

NZ MEBUOEYL YUHEXKHUY URTWEMNSUM OL LEA, N URTUIH HGKH BNFGH GKSU K OWKMHNXF UZZUIH EX LEA, **Saturday's Cryptoquip:** IF A PERSON IS WAY TOO FOND OF FRIGATES AND DESTROYERS, SOME MIGHT SAY IT'S WARSHIP WORSHIP.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals Y

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Your persuasive powers are such that anyone will believe what you tell them. Should you take advantage of that fact financially? Of course.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Plans you made a long time ago are beginning to bear fruit, so keep your nerve and keep things moving.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Go out of your way to talk with people you don't usually get along with. It pays to be friendly.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Try to be a more ambitious and more assertive. Let important people know you're ready to move up.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Anyone who tries to scare you into doing something you don't want to do will fail abysmally.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You may be tempted to bet against the odds today but before you gamble with your future, ask yourself whether you can afford to lose.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Don't keep your feelings to yourself today. Show emotions. People will respond to you better if they can see that you are vulnerable.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. According to the planets, you need to streamline your daily routine so you have more time to yourself.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Don't waste time lamenting your run of bad fortune because it is already beginning to end.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. When pushed to extremes, you can mix it with the best of them and today you must not allow yourself to be defamed by someone.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You may be a nice guy but every now and then you go right the other way and reveal your ruthless streak.

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